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Withdrawal Date Is Definite

Bevin's Statement

London, Dec. 12.—Mr Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons today that Britain had made it clear that May 15 was the latest date by which Britain would hand over her mandate for Palestine.

If negotiations with the United Nations moved more quickly than he thought, an earlier date could be fixed, Britain would do so. Mr Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary and Deputy Leader of the Opposition, declared that Britain had no choice but to conform to the United Nations' decision to partition Palestine.

Mr Eden, who was speaking on the second day of the debate on Palestine, added, however, that he was far from happy about it.

But to attempt again to try to bring the Arabs and Jews together after all Britain's previous efforts had failed seemed to him a policy which held out no hope whatever.

Personally, he had always hoped that it might be possible to achieve an independent Palestinian State, in which Arabs and Jews would live and work in harmony.

In his opinion, the United Nations scheme of partition bore more heavily on the Arabs than the Jews.

EVERYTHING THEY WANT

He said that it must be realised that with the partition the Jews had got everything they wanted—an independent state as opposed to a National Home. The Arabs would lose not only much land that they regarded as their own, but they would see in Jewish land a large Arab majority.

Mr Eden thought that the boundaries suggested required more careful examination.

Asking whether the Foreign Secretary or the United Nations had considered the planned transfer of minorities, Mr Eden thought the question worth pursuing whether, with the co-operation of the adjoining Arab states, room might not be found to absorb some part of the Arab minority, which would be left in the Jewish state.

Mr Eden said that the Jews must understand that no swamping of the new state by emigrants would justify the claims or propaganda for the acquisition of further territories outside the boundaries now laid.

He said that it was too much to ask Arabs in the interests of peace and humanity to accommodate themselves to the new situation and end all strife and bloodshed.

Mr Ernest Bevin, supporting Mr Eden's appeal, hoped regard would be had to it not only by Jews and Arabs, but by those in Britain and New York and outside.

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Attacks Directed At Arab Transports

VILLAGE BATTLE

Jerusalem, Dec. 12.—Haganah, the Jewish defence army, is mounting its biggest offensive yet against Arabs, with countryside attacks on transport in which, so far, 13 Arabs are estimated killed, reports reaching here today from all parts of Palestine indicated.

Twelve Arabs were officially reported killed and six injured when Jews, armed with hand-grenades and Tommy guns, attacked Tيره village, near Haifa, last night.

In the past 24 hours 37 persons—25 Arabs and 12 Jews—were killed, according to official figures.

The Jewish Agency today asked for Royal Air Force protection on all roads in Palestine as a precaution against Arab attacks.

The Agency spokesman told a press conference that if the Palestine Government wanted to discharge its security responsibilities to the full, it could send up air patrols and put thousands of armed troops on the roads.

Three people were reported killed and others missing after Arabs today attacked a British airlines automobile travelling with passengers from Lod Airport to Jerusalem. The nationality of the victims is not yet known.—Reuter.

FORMING ARAB ARMY

London, Dec. 12.—Arab moves against the United Nations' decision to partition Palestine today switched to Iraq, where tribal Sheikhs were reported to be arming 500,000 men and where the Arab Commander-in-Chief, Fawzi al Din al Kawkab, was expected to take part in important "Save Palestine" talks next week.

Meanwhile, Egyptian newspapers today discussed the likelihood of an Arab military conference, attended by the War Ministers of the Arab League countries, being held in Cairo tomorrow or Sunday.

The Syrian Defence Minister, Ahmad al-Charrat, Bey, and the Iraqi Chief of Staff, Ismail Safwat Pasha, are already in Cairo and the former Iraqi Premier, Nuri es Said Pasha, and the Lebanese Defence Minister, Emir Magid Arslan, are expected within 24 hours.

Fawzi al Din al Kawkab, Commander of the "Palestine Striking Force," who is said to be active in preparing guerrilla warfare plans, will also join the Arab war leaders in Cairo, it was learned.

The Egyptian Defence Minister, Ferik Haidar Pasha, today conferred with Emir Feisal, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia—talks which have since been reported to be linked

with the imminent military conference.

DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE

Reports today from the Syrian capital of Damascus told of an Arab plan for a Middle East defensive alliance with the Eastern Mediterranean countries—particularly Turkey and Greece.

"Glubb Pasha," legendary figure in the desert, but officially General John Bagot Glubb, Commander of Emir Abdullah's Arab Legion, is expected in London soon. It was learned tonight.

It is believed that this Englishman, who is better known in Arabia than in his own country, will be consulted by Embassies and Legations of Arab countries in London now being contacted each by hundreds of young British ex-servicemen who want to fight for the Arab cause in Palestine and cannot find anyone to recruit them.

Most of the Arab Embassies and Legations state that they are still awaiting instructions from their governments. The Egyptian Embassy said tonight that it had forwarded 100 names to Cairo. The Iraqi Legation said it had sent 200 to Baghdad.—Reuter.

TRIED TO BLOW UP HQ

London, Dec. 12.—Charged with attempting to blow up the London headquarters of the Zionist organisation with a home-made "bomb," a 37-year-old British Army officer, Ivor Arthur Hill Worth, was sent to prison for 18 months today after the Central Criminal Court here.

He told the court that his object was to "hit back" at the Jewish murder organisation.

The prosecutor said that the "bomb" consisted of some nitric acid with cotton soaked in paraffin attached to it, and a cartridge as a detonator.

The bomb did not explode and expert opinion was that it never could have gone off.

Earlier this year, Worth was bound over for three years for attempting to set fire to a Jewish synagogue at Bristol.—Reuter.

Big Railway Development

London, Dec. 12.—London's biggest railway development for 15 years—the £3 million central line tube extension from Leytonstone to Newbury Park and Woodford—was opened today.

It will be open to the public on Sunday giving service to 120,000 people in Ilford, Wanstead, Eastern Avenue and Epping Forest areas.

The new extension consists of two new branches—four miles from Leytonstone to Wanstead, Redbridge, Gants Hill and Newbury Park, and three miles from Leytonstone to Snarbrook, South Woodford, over electrified LNER tracks.

There will be a combined service on the two sections of more than 700 trains daily, with two-way service with trains every three and a half to four minutes on each line.—Reuter.

2,000 French Dockers Still On Strike

Paris, Dec. 12.—Two thousand dock workers were still striking today at the French Mediterranean port of Sete, tying up 22 ships in harbour.

For the first time in a month, full unloading was going on yesterday at Marseilles, Havre, Bordeaux, Cherbourg and other ports.—Reuter.

Another Air Disaster

Paris, Dec. 12.—Six people were killed when a military aircraft crashed and burst into flames near Rambouillet, to the southwest of Paris, tonight.

The aircraft, which left Villacoublay, outer suburb aerodrome of Paris, a few minutes earlier was still a mass of flames when the fire brigade arrived.

When the firemen were able to approach the fuselage they found six charred bodies, which were later removed to hospital. The bodies had not yet been identified.—Reuter.

Rome Police Charge With Batons

Communists Assaulted

Rome, Dec. 12.—Rome's general strike will end at midnight tonight, it was officially announced at the Chamber of Labour.

As Rome entered its second day of the general strike today, Italian police struck Communist deputies with their batons in a charge on demonstrators outside Parliament House here.

The deputies, who included Signor Luigi Longo and Signor Giuliano Pajetta, rushed back into the building in response to their call the Socialist leader, Signor Pietro Nenni, who has also been among the crowd, went back to the Square to rally the demonstrators, but police reinforcements in jeeps dispersed them.

Back in Parliament, the deputies demanded an explanation from Signor Mario Scelba, the Christian Democrat Minister of the Interior, who replied that the police had not recognised them and were only doing their duty.

Police armoured cars dispersed demonstrators in the Square outside Parliament in House as Signor Scelba was replying to a question of the incident involving the deputies.

BANKS REOPEN

The police had to make several charges before the Square was cleared.

Many shops, cafes and bars opened their doors today. The banks were doing normal business though under police guard.

Fewer incidents occurred with not more than 40 arrests. Most of these took place when the strikers tried to set up road-blocks in suburban districts.

Earlier today, the Ministry of the Interior denied reports that 20,000 Communists were converging on Rome by train.

All road and rail transport were being watched and no reports of any mass movement had been received at the Ministry, it was stated.

Rome Radio reported that the Milan Stock Exchange was closed today after incidents in which members of the public tried to force their way into the enclosure reserved for brokers.

Rome Radio added that no price list would be issued by the Exchange today.—Reuter.

GAOLED FOR MUTINY

Singapore, Dec. 12.—The Singapore military authorities today gaoled two Indian soldiers suspected of being concerned in the Christmas Island mutiny in March 1942, when a British captain and four soldiers were shot.

The execution of five Indian soldiers, sentenced to death in Singapore for mutiny, postponed last September after the intervention of the Indian representative in Singapore, Mr J. A. Thyne, and the authorities are still awaiting instructions from London regarding their execution.

The latest arrests were made when a batch of deserters were returned from Indonesia by the Dutch. The British authorities are still seeking the alleged ring leader of the mutiny, Havildar Meer Ali.—Reuter.

Burmese Envoy To China

Rangoon, Dec. 12.—Mr. U Myint Thel, the Burmese Ambassador Designate to China, is expected to leave for Nanking early in January, soon after the Burmese Independence proclamation on January 4.

Rangoon's large Chinese community will take an active part in the independence Day celebrations, it was announced today.—Reuter.

Big 4 In Angry Meeting

MOLOTOV HEARS BARRAGE OF CRITICISM

Perversion Of Facts

London, Dec. 12.—The Foreign Ministers of the three great Western powers today loosed a blast of criticism against the Russian Foreign Minister (Mr Vyacheslav Molotov) that brought the Big Four conference to crisis point.

In one of the angriest Big Four Foreign Ministers' meetings ever held, Mr Ernest Bevin (Great Britain) accused Russia of taking US\$7,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany behind the backs of her Allies.

Mr George Marshall (United States) said "perversion and deliberate misconstruction" of Allied German policy "make it rather difficult to inspire respect for the dignity of the Soviet government."

M. Georges Bidault (France), joining the blast, said that Mr Molotov's allegations against the Western powers on reparations were "contrary to the truth."

For his part, Mr Molotov said defiantly that Russia was "not begging but demanding" US\$10,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany—figure which the Western Allies have refused to consider.

So bitter was the atmosphere after the meeting that the Russian spokesman, Vladimir Pavlov, thought it necessary to tell a press conference that he could "see no possibility of a breakdown" in the Big Four conference because of the bitter exchanges between Mr Molotov and the Western Foreign Ministers.

Mr Marshall followed up his statements at the meeting by asserting at a dinner of the Pilgrims of Great Britain that the United States and Britain should proclaim to the world a "close and even fraternal" relationship, despite the suspicions it might arouse in the minds of other people—meaning Russia and her satellites.

WAR PROPAGANDISTS

Without mentioning Russia, Mr Marshall also said "propagandists" had put fear of new war into the minds of the people of the world and he called for a "supreme effort" to brush aside such insinuations and rise above our difficulties in what might be termed a spiritual conquest of our present weakness and frailties.

Mr Molotov was invited to the dinner but did not show up and it was announced that he had pleaded "another engagement."

The situation at the close of the Big Four meeting was, unless Russia changes its attitude—and drops its demand for US\$10,000,000,000 from Germany—that the conference was coming to an early close in complete failure to agree on the German and Austrian treaties.

Mr Marshall, tired of Russian obstruction and accusations, started it when moving for a showdown and demanded that Mr Molotov provide by Monday afternoon information on reparations Russia had taken out of Germany.

"Perhaps the United States and Britain could also say by Monday how many enterprises have been bought by the United States and Britain in Germany," Mr Molotov retorted sarcastically. "Coal and been bought at low prices. And what about the profits that have been made by Britain and other intermediaries through the sale of coal and also timber?"

Mr Molotov included France in his denunciation by saying that he did not want to offend M. Bidault but that he would like the same kind of information from France.—United Press.

INSULTS AND ABUSE

London, Dec. 12.—Almost the whole of to-day's session of the Council of Foreign Ministers was devoted to a long statement by M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, on German reparations.

Mr Ernest Bevin said afterwards: "I didn't dream we would be subjected to insults and abuse in the way we have been this afternoon. All the people of the British Commonwealth will resent such abuse."

"What is worse—after repeated denials and explanations the same untrue statements are repeated as though they have never been answered."

Hopel Govt. Resigns

Nanking, Dec. 13.—The Hopel Provincial Government headed by General Sun Lien-chung has resigned en bloc, according to a reliable source here.

This source added that the resignation of this government had been received by the Executive Yuan.

It further declared that the Executive Yuan was likely to accept the resignation and appoint General Fu Tso-yl, the newly-appointed Commander-in-Chief of North China, to succeed General Sun.

It is believed that General Sun was severely censured by the Central Government following the Communist capture of Shihchiachwang, the important rail junction in West Hopel, recently.—Reuter-AAP.

JOE LOUIS UNCERTAIN

May Fight Lesnevich

New York, Dec. 12.—Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, said here today that it is not definite that he will fight Joe Walcott in a return title bout next June but that he may meet Gus Lesnevich, light-heavyweight champion of the world instead.

Louis, who was speaking at a press conference, confirmed that he would have only one more fight and would then retire.

"My next bout will be my last. That is on my word of honour," he said.

His statement that no opponent had yet been signed for his June bout came as a surprise as it was generally considered that Walcott, who lost on a split decision against Louis last Friday, would be the man.

"I am ready to fight the one who draws the most money," the champion added, "but I don't make the matches. I think Lesnevich would give me a tougher fight."

Louis has held the world heavyweight crown for ten years. A few hours after Louis' press conference, Walcott and a group behind him also summoned sports writers and said they would take receipts for the return championship bout with Louis.

Walcott, showing annoyance at Louis' statement that he considered Lesnevich a more dangerous opponent, implied that the champion might be trying to avoid a second meeting.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Extortionate Demand

THE Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the restriction of rents provides that premises which, after the coming into force of the Ordinance, have been rendered habitable by extensive repairs effected at the expense of the landlord, shall be exempt from restrictions. This concession is offered to landlords in order to encourage them to repair their property and is obviously intended to permit them a reasonable return on capital expenditure. Unfortunately some property owners have peculiar ideas of what represents a "reasonable return." A newspaper correspondent this week quoted a letter from a landlord who intimated that premises in Kowloon Tong were being repaired and would become ready for use on January 1 upon payment of \$25,000 and would be rent-free for 37 months. What does this amount to? Even assuming the owner has spent \$25,000 on repairs, he recovers it in full immediately, with opportunity of reinvesting at interest, and at the end of 37 months he would, presumably, demand rent at an "equivalent rate"—\$675 a month. In effect he has, at no cost to himself, obtained new and valuable property which after 37 months will return him an annual profit of 32 per cent on his original outlay. Was it the intention of the amended Rent Restriction

Ordinance to permit this? We cannot believe so, and Government is invited to take note of the manner in which the spirit of the law is being grossly and indefensibly violated by a certain type of avaricious property owner. Surely the law, designed as far as possible to offer fair treatment both to landlords and tenants, cannot countenance its wilful exploitation in the manner outlined above. Landlords who spend several thousands of dollars to make premises habitable are entitled to some special consideration, such as rent that will enable them to recover their outlay in five or six years. But they should not be allowed to recoup themselves in one payment, and then at the end of three years continue to draw excessive rentals. From such exploitation there should be legal protection, but this does not appear to exist under the present Ordinance, inasmuch that landlords are exempted from its provisions if they have spent as a minimum the equivalent of seven years of standard rent in repairing their property since the Ordinance came into operation. This is the letter of the law, but obviously it requires some qualification of a nature that will prohibit property owners from making extortionate demands. The Authorities should devote serious attention to the question.

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THE JAMES MASON'S GO INTO BUSINESS

By Stephen Watts

LONDON. TWO of the biggest box-office names in British entertainment are off on new enterprises.

James Mason, about whose future there have been many rumours, has cleared up the situation by forming his own film company—Gamma Films of America Corporation.

My italics. That's one Englishman whose dollar earnings won't help us a bit.

Gamma is going to be quite a little family party in an unorthodox way. Mrs. Mason (Pamela Kellino), her first husband, Roy Kellino, and John Monahan are the directors.

Monahan is the American the Masons met while touring Germany. They bought his story, "The Upturned Glass," and brought him back here to work on it.

He lived with them, went to America with them, and they have been inseparable ever since. He has been known to use the collective "we" when talking of Mason family plans.

First film of the new company is "Del Palma" from a novel by—whom do you think?—Pamela Kellino.

Stage to studio

IVOR NOVELLO is the other star with new plans. Having been one of the biggest British film stars of the early days, Novello has kept away from the studio for years.



NEW HIT—Filmed in Technicolour in beautiful surroundings, "Courage of Lassie" brings Frank Morgan, Elizabeth Taylor and M-G-M's "wonder dog," Lassie, to the King's Theatre screen today in a touching story of a girl and her friend.

AL JOLSON BACK AMONG BIG ENTERTAINERS

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD. AL JOLSON, who two years ago was just a name and a memory in the minds of most cinema-goers today is back among the greatest names in entertainment.

His records are outselling Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra, two to one and Jolson, once more is a household institution. It can't be said that the greatest showing of the 1920's is forgotten. He was more away on vacation, until the movie "The Jolson Story" brought him back in the spotlight.

Some say the picture made him famous—again, but others believe it just renewed the public demand for Jolson. He responded, not for money, because he's a long-time millionaire, but because he wanted to be back where he belonged, behind the footlights with applause ringing in his ears.

After being radio's favourite guest star for a season, Jolson came out of retirement formally this autumn with his own radio show, the Kraft Music-Hall.

Hollywood Listens In

Hollywood waited the night of his first show with hushed expectancy. Radios were turned to the station in movie colony—bars—Vice-presidents.

HOLLYWOOD CHIT-CHAT

ROBERT RYAN is on the way to join Merle Oberon in Berlin, where the major portion of RKO-Radio's "Berlin Express" will be filmed. This co-starring role is Ryan's reward for his outstanding realistic performance in "Crossfire."

RICHARD HAGEMAN, the Dutch composer, is writing the score for "Mourning Becomes Electra," whose principals are Rosalind Russell, Michael Redgrave, Raymond Massey, Katharine Paxinou, Leo Genn and Kirk Douglas.

FOUR original westerns with historic interest will be made starring Tim Holt, with Richard Martin as his Irish-Mexican partner. They will be aimed at both adult and juvenile audiences, and will deal with actual episodes that took place when the romantic Southwest was first settled.

MELVYN DOUGLAS will co-star with Cary Grant and Myrna Loy in the film of Eric Hodgins' best-selling novel "Mr Blandings Builds His Dream House."

and parking lot attendants alike felt the suspense.

When the strains of "Toot, Toot, Tootsie" winged out during Jolson's rehearsal, a middle-aged secretary in the studio stopped her typing to listen with a reminiscent smile. A small girl stopped sorting and gazed into space. An ABC usher peeked into the studio as he strode down the corridor.

At 59, Jolson still has the polish of years of show business. Only one thing about his radio show worries him. He learned his style of singing long before the days of microphones when he had to project his voice into the deepest recesses of the theatres. Now he has to tone it down. He works hard at singing softly until he gets exasperated, then steps away from the microphone and lets his voice bellow out.

Keeps Himself Fit

In perfect physical condition, Jolson takes a massage and rub-down every morning at 10. That's his favourite time for receiving interviewers, and he rattles on about his new show with endless enthusiasm. His colourful conversation automatically takes his listeners back to the 1920's.

Photographers as always are his friends. They can shoot him any time—they let him know so he can take off his glasses.

Jolson is married to the former Eric Galtbraith, whom he met while touring Arkansas hospitals during the war. They live in the Santa Monica mountains overlooking San Fernando valley.

"I have everything now I have ever wanted except one thing," Jolson said, "and I hope to have that before long. That's a son."

THEATRE Directory

KING'S—Courage of Lassie ("Lassie," Elizabeth Taylor, Tom Drake)

QUEEN'S—Magic Town (James Stewart, Jane Wyman)

LEE—Captain Boycott (Stewart Granger, Kathleen Ryan)

CENTRAL—Scarlet Street (Joan Bennett, Edward G. Robinson)

ORIENTAL—Tarzan and the Huntress (Johnny Weissmuller, Brenda Joyce)

CATHAY—The Oklahoma Kid (James Cagney, Humphrey Bogart)

ALHAMBRA—Scarlet Street

MAJESTIC—Arizona (Jean Arthur, William Holden)

STAR—Nob Hill (George Raft, Joan Bennett)

Real and Simple

AFTER "Open City" comes "To Live in Peace," next of the new Italian school of films. It had a West End premiere.

"Open City," of which the word masterpiece can be used without qualification, was an eye-opener to many people. I can promise them that "To Live in Peace," which I saw at Brussels, is another brilliant picture.

We have yet to see "Paisa" and "Shoeshine," which has had a rapturous reception from the sternest American critics.

What is the secret of this sudden renaissance of the Italian films? Far from showing signs of backwardness after the long years of Fascist stultification they seem to have come up fresh and inspired.

If I had to sum up the qualities of the postwar Italian films I have seen I would say "reality and simplicity."

Year of an idea

HAPPY birthday—not to a person but to an idea. With its latest issue—"Will Britain Go Hungry?"—the This Modern Age series is a year old.

Its 12 monthly films have struck a remarkably high average for a new venture. It is making steady progress in popularity.

The idea was, frankly, to make a British March of Time. But now the films have a style of their own. The independence and impartiality are highly commendable in a partisan world. The best example was their issue on Palestine.

They have tackled housing, crime, air transport, coal, the Sudan, soil erosion, and now—in the new one—agriculture. It was in the making long before the Government drive in agriculture began. But its appearance is timely and its contents admirable.

It's that Bergman story again!

by DAVID LEWIN

LONDON.

★ ALFRED HITCHCOCK cabled London from Hollywood asking if David Farrar could star opposite Ingrid Bergman in "Under Capricorn," which he is to make here early in the New Year.

This will be Farrar's biggest part yet, since he made those Sexton Blake films three years ago he has come a long way, and now claims a bigger fan following than James Mason.

That I am not sure about—and I'll really believe Miss Bergman is coming here when I see her. Already she has been "on her way" for two years.

★ KING MICHAEL OF ROMANIA decided to out more about picture after the Royal Film So he went to Elstree to see Anna Neagle making "Spring in Park Lane," and in the afternoon caught up on that old one, "G.W.I.W."

★ AMERICA'S crazy gang, Olsen and Johnson bring their crazy show, "Hellzapoppin," here early in the New Year. Together with 14 stooges they are putting it on as an hour's variety act at the Casino.

Friends of the "Hellzapoppin" gang are Bud Flanagan and the English crazy comedies. They have known each other for years and swapped gags by post regularly through the war.

★ WHEN Robert Montgomery's latest film, "Hilde the Pink Horse," gets into London, one screen credit will be missing. That is Script by Ben Hecht. The publicity boys here do not think it would help the picture along.

★ COMPLETELY new version of "The Wizard of Oz" is promised for Christmas at the Strand, with Jackie Hunter playing the lion, and a magician, Robert Harben, as Merlin.

★ BRITISH films have found a Dan Duryea. After seeing 20-year-old Ken Griffiths at work in "Bond Street" I nominate him as quite the nastiest thing on the screen today. He plays a blustering weakling so brilliantly you will hate and admire him at the same time.

Griffiths, whose acting background is so similar to Emyr Williams, got his training with the Stratford Memorial Company.

★ SCRIPT writer out of work in studio reshuffle. "I can't get used to not being paid for doing nothing."

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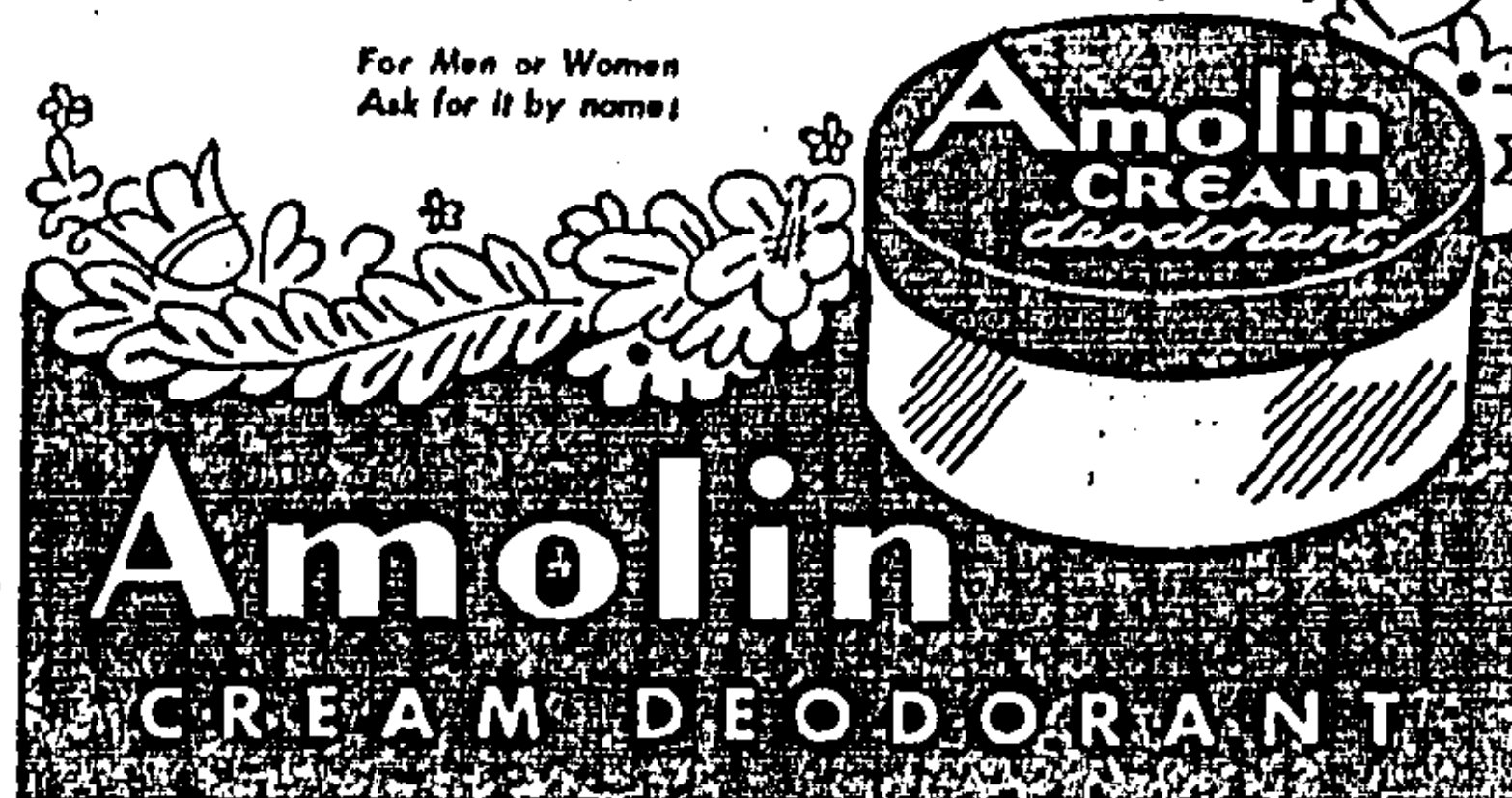
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COMMAND PERFORMANCE BRINGS OUT JEWELLED SANDALS AND ERMINE

BY PATRICIA LENNARD

FROM the fashion angle, one
of the best "first nights"
for some time was the recent
Royal Command film perform-
ance at the Odeon, Leicester-
square: all the stars dressed up
for the occasion, and the people
who came to see them did not
complain but dressed formally
and well.

What the occasion DID bring
out was the triumphal return
in force of white ermine worn
with its own dark brown little
tails. Royal ermine, in fact.
White furs were especially
popular.

The Queen wore a white fox
and ermine shoulder cape over
the white and gold crinoline she
had made for the tour of South
Africa, and Princess Margaret
wore a white fox cape over her
pink satin, apple-blossom trim-
med dress, which she also wore
in South Africa.

Jewelled Sandals

But white ermine with its own
tails turned up again and again—as
a bolero, a cape, a cloak, a stole—
even as a tiny old-fashioned tippet,
worn by Ann Todd.

The gown of the evening was
the full-skirted, strapless or off-
the-shoulder picture frock or
crinoline, befitting the formality
of the occasion.



Vivien Leigh (Mrs Laurence
Olivier), dressed in white and
gold brocade and a mink
jacket, arrives at the per-
formance with her husband and
Stewart Granger.



The Queen arrives at the performance, dressed in a white and
gold crinoline gown and a white fox and ermine shoulder-cape.
Princess Margaret wears a white fox cape over a pink satin
dress. The King can be seen alighting from the car.

And high-heeled jewelled sandals
were the most popular. The Queen
wore sandals to match her crinoline,
with platform soles nearly an inch
thick.

Incidentally, the Queen wore
magnificent rubies and diamonds—a
tiara, necklace, pendant, brooch,
bracelets, and a ruby and diamond
clasp on her bag.

Best-dressed film actress was
Vivien Leigh. Over her full-
skirted turquoise and black-striped
dress she wore one of the new droop-
shouldered billowing evening coats,
also in turquoise, the very full back
trailing behind her. Worn open, it
displayed the biggest-ever diamond
spray: a life-size flower and leaves.

Most courageous was Greta Gyn:
looking like a stage debutante, white
parade plumes waving and sable-
trimmed train trailing three feet
behind, she held her silver foxes so
that the crowd outside could admire
the strapless décolletage of her
silver lame dress.

Most down-to-earth entrance was
Bob Hope's, chewing gum furiously,
he escorted his wife, who wore a
white lace bustle-backed picture
dress.

Blinding Scarlet

Most crowd-conscious, perform-
ance was that of Carole Landis
wearing a short white ermine bolero
over her sequined black velvet and
tulle dress by Jacques Fath, she
allowed Alexis Smith, in mink over
a black velvet full-skirted dress and
her husband to go ahead, while she
ran back to the doorway of the
foyer. Loretta Young followed in
her red, black and white striped
dress—one of the women who wore
tailed ermine hers was a cape ending
in stole ends.

Most spectacular outfit was Mar-
garet Lockwood's: an off-the-
shoulder black lace crinoline, worn
with a matching black lace and
tulle-trimmed pillbox. She, too,
wore a white ermine stole trimmed
with tails.

White and Gold

Most popular colour combination
was white and gold. Vivien Leigh,
accompanied by her husband—
with his hair now its own natural

brown—wore a mink jacket over
her white-and-gold brocade gown.
Lilli Palmer displayed an original
necklace of seed pearls and stones
representing bunches of grapes at
the neckling of her strapless white-
and-gold crinoline dress, and her
hair was tied back in a white-and-
gold ribbon bow.

Most ubiquitous fashions were
the stole and crinoline. A white
chiffon stole was worn by Hazel
Court with her grey and white
striped full-skirted dress. Silver
gray was the choice of Robert
Montgomery's wife, who also had
a full-skirted dress shimmering
with silver embroidery on the
bodice. And Sally Gray, in a
white satin crinoline with hand-
painted roses on bodice and skirt,
wore red roses in her hair.

Most interesting were hairstyles
and headresses. Many women
tucked elaborate fly-away tortoise-
shell combs in their hair and there
were at least two tiaras, one worn
by Lady Anne Dalrymple
Champneys who was practising
curtseys in the foyer before the
arrival of the Royal party which
included the Queen of Norway, in
black lace and silver foxes, and
King Michael of Rumania.

Twin Orchids

Sparkling tulle and lace head-
squares, birds of paradise or twin
orchids were very popular head-
gear. Phyllis Calvert wearing white
blossom twined round her elaborate
topknot hairstyle.

One woman wore her hair in
enormous twin chignon buns, and
there were quite a few one-sided
hairstyles.

There were not many of the new
"short" full-skirted ankle-length
dresses—in plum silk was worn
with the appropriate up-to-date
accessories of bronze evening shoes
and a wide gold mesh choker neck-
lace. They were obviously not
formal enough for the occasion.

One of the nicest and most strik-
ing outfits was the older woman
who wore a ground-length evening
coat in pink corded silk, matching
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hair, which was piled up under a
cloud of lavender veiling.



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LINE an 8 inch cake-tin with a
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together until they are soft and
white. Then add the flavourings.
Sieve all the dry ingredients to-
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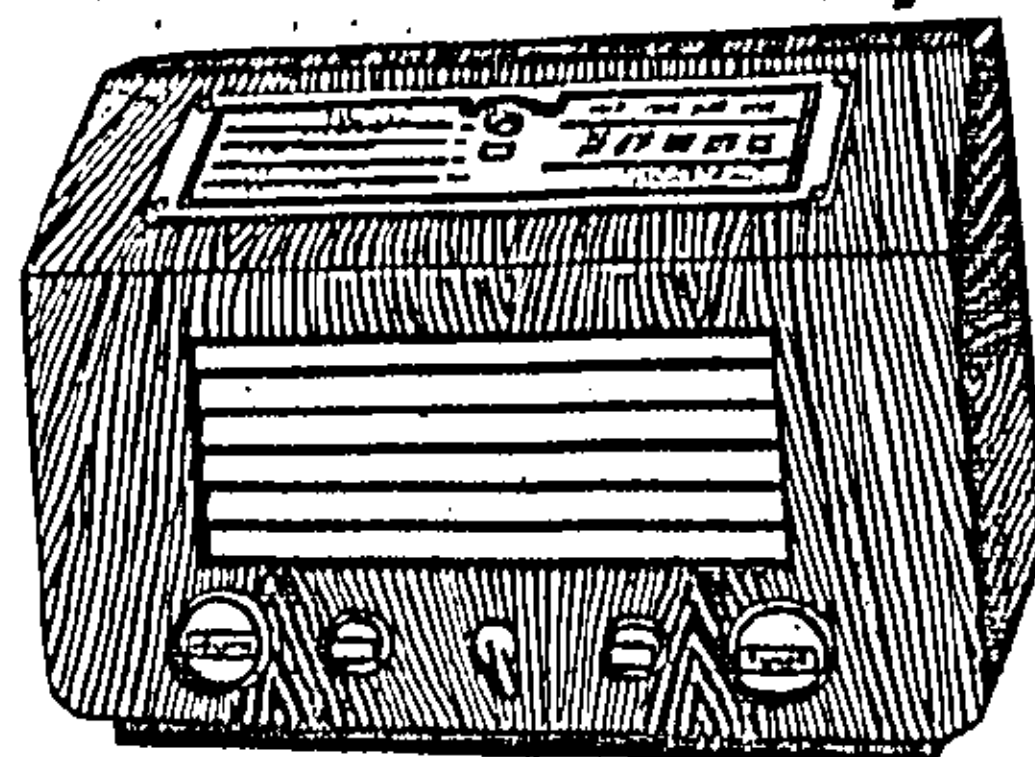
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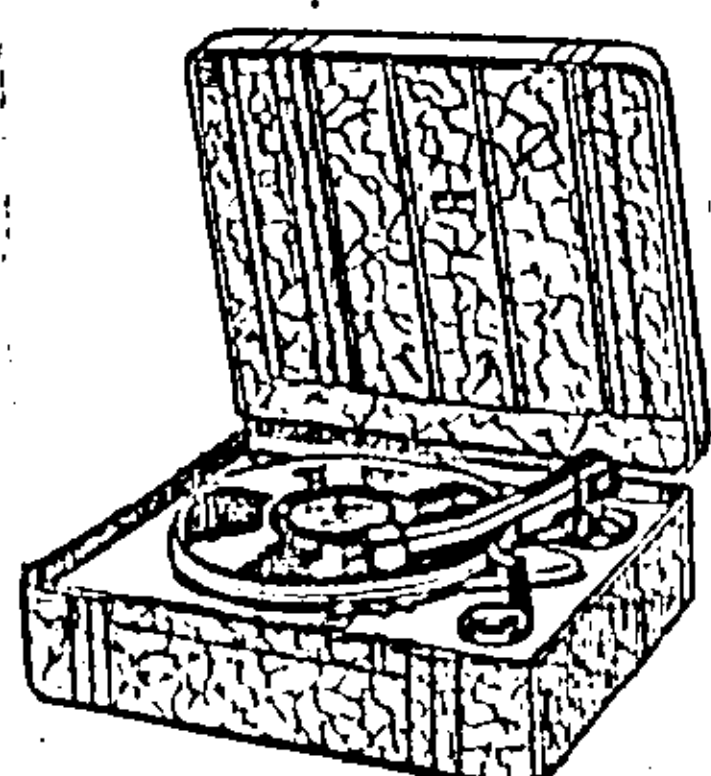


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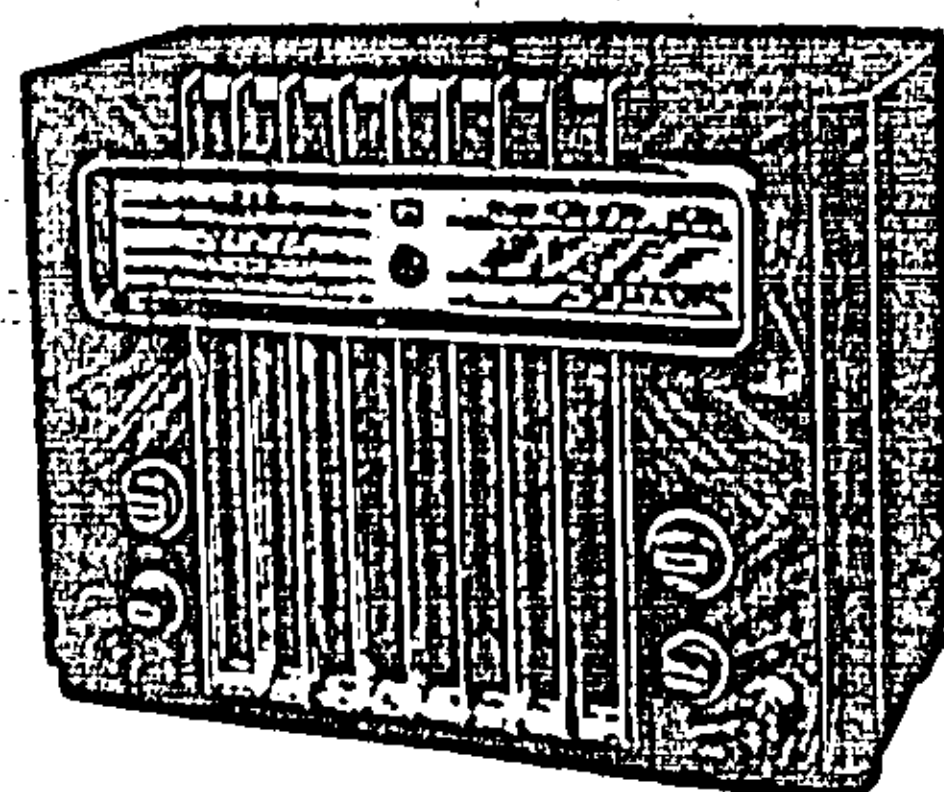


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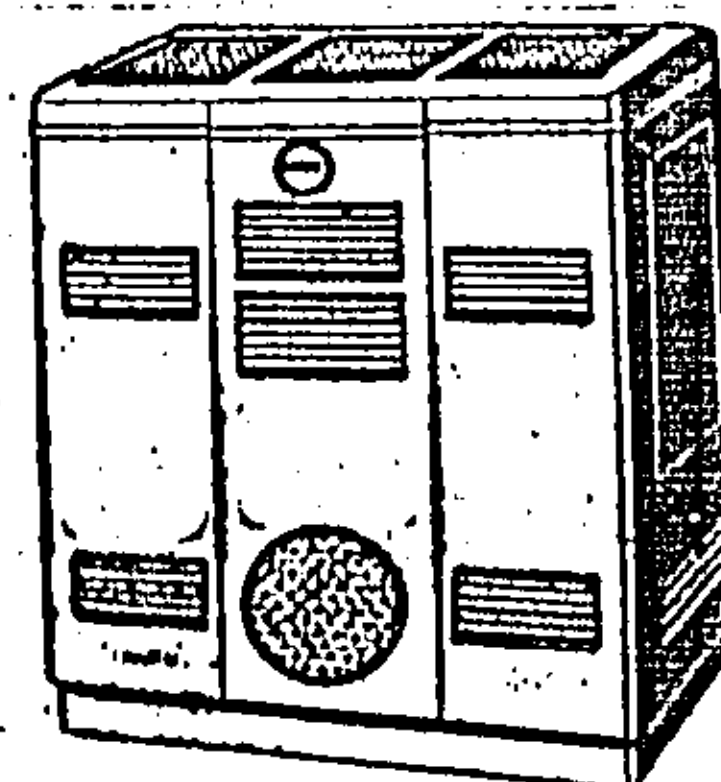
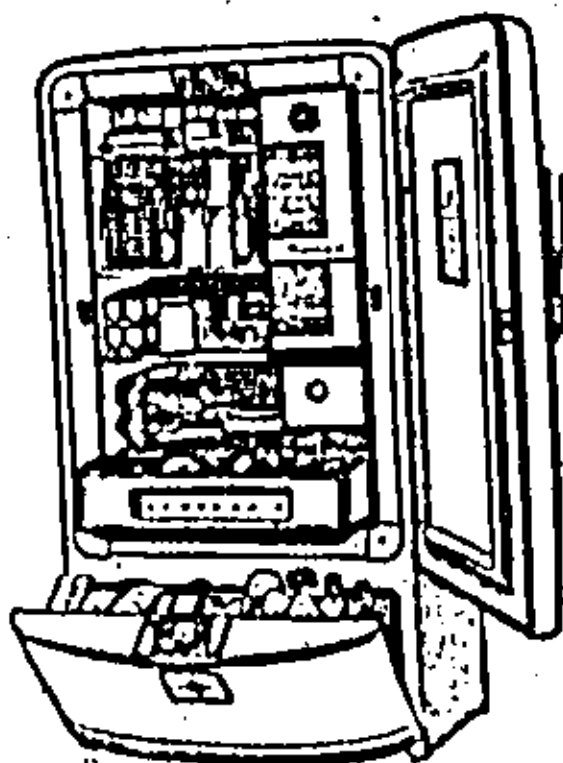
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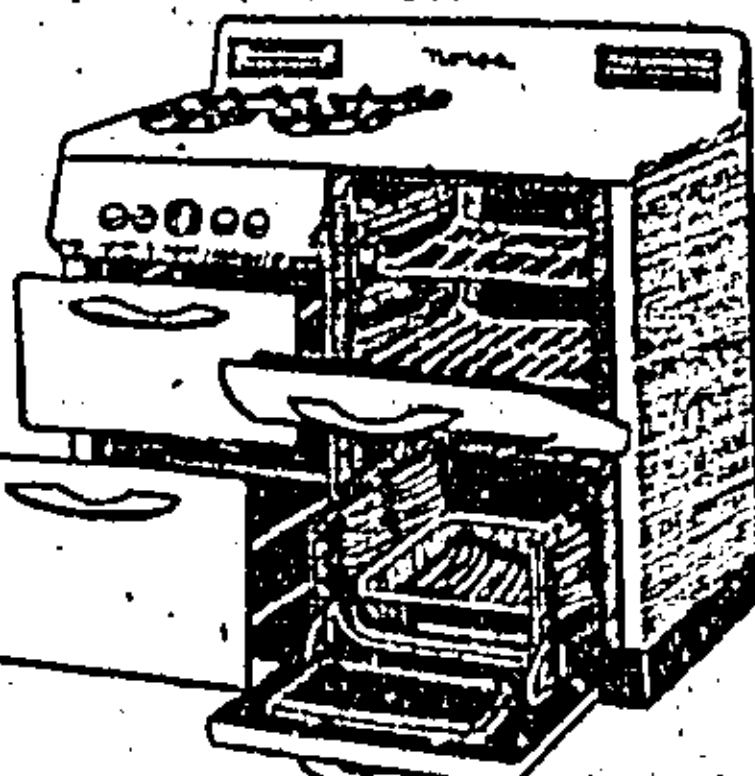


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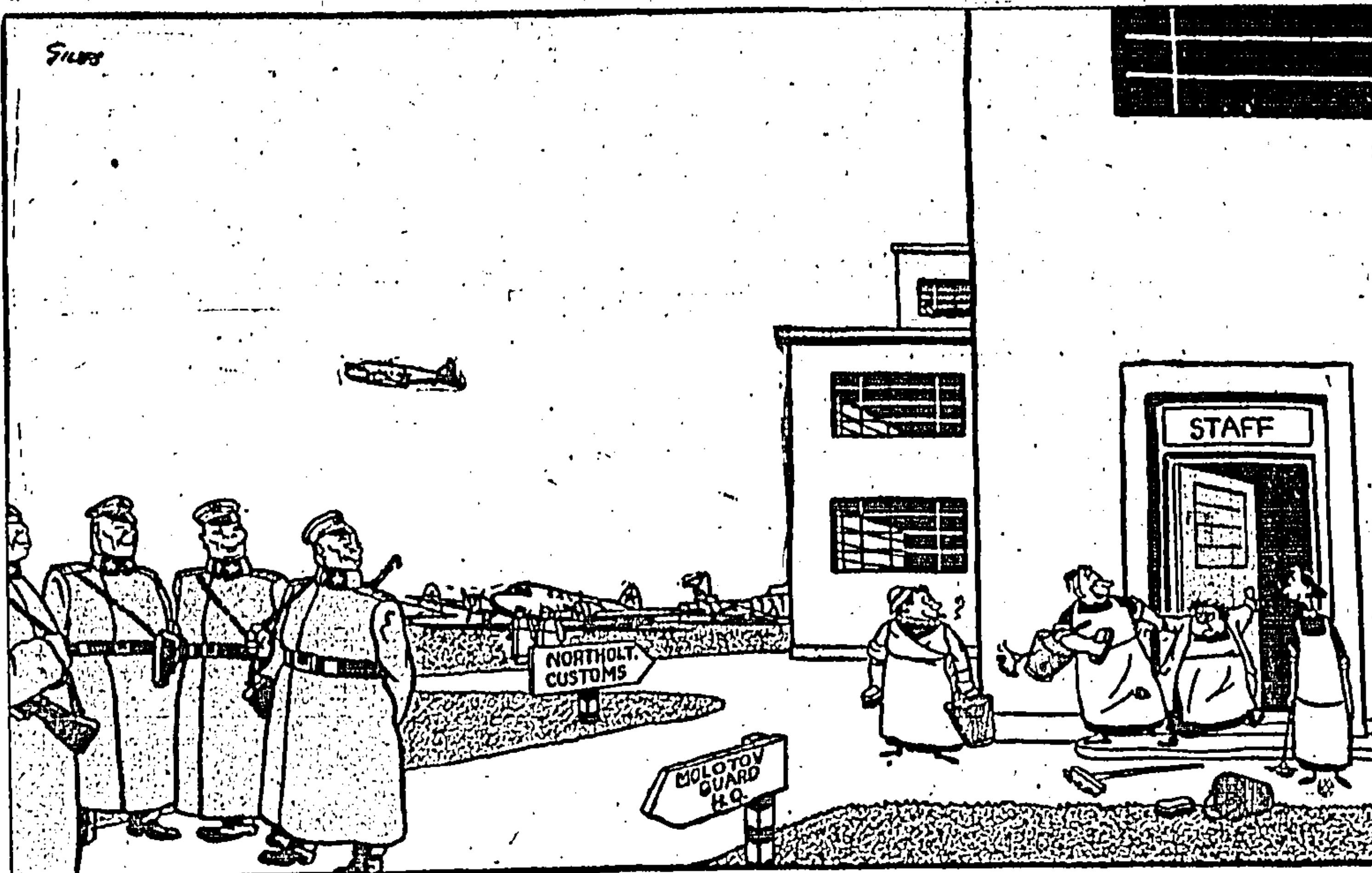


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WHAT THE BIG 4

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LONDON, Nov. 24.
THAT item appeared in newspapers this week-end. Tomorrow the Foreign Ministers of the four biggest and strongest of the countries for which these prisoners suffered and died will be meeting here in London.

They will be sitting down around a table for what one of them—Ernest Bevin—has called "perhaps the most vital conference in world history."

He has called it that because apart from the individual problems the conference has to solve its overriding task is to restore among the Big Four—Britain, America, France, and the Soviet Union—the old war-time spirit of community.

And it is felt that if this conference does not succeed the breach will prove irreparable.

Lost spirit

ALREADY so far have the Big Four got away from the spirit of which these dead of Hammelburg are the symbol that the Foreign Ministers' deputies, who met in advance to prepare the agenda for the conference, were not only unable to agree (1) in what order the subjects should be taken, but (2) on the form in which their inability to agree was to be reported to the Foreign Ministers.

In both instances the Soviet delegate found himself holding out in a minority of one against the three Westerners.

Too vague?

WHAT has gone wrong? Way back in 1944 and 1945 the Allies had reached agreement on Allied policy in Germany: first at Yalta, where Churchill, and Roosevelt called on Stalin and drew up a very general agreement, then, halfway through Britain's General Election, at Potsdam, where Truman, Stalin, Churchill, and Attlee patched up a more detailed agreement.

But the drafting on many points was vague. Maybe it had been deliberately left vague so as to get agreement. Anyhow, the result was that on many points the Russians had their interpretation of Potsdam and we and the Americans had ours.

Repeated attempts to reach clarification either met with obstruction or proved unsuccessful. And gradually it became clear that the Russians in their zone were going ahead with a policy of their own, differing in essential points from the policy which we and the Americans were implementing, and which we believed to be the agreed policy. For example:

The Russians made the Soviet zone contribute reparations of its factories, although it had been agreed there should be no such reparations until general agreement had been reached.

They also took over German concerns and German cartels and turned them into Soviet

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properties, although it had been agreed that no Allied or other foreign firms were to be allowed to acquire German property without general agreement.

The Russians launched an open propaganda campaign in the German Press against the Western Allies and their administration, although it had been agreed that no such propaganda was to be permitted.

Russian plan

GRADUALLY what had first only been a suspicion became an accepted fact: that the Soviet Union was determined to bring Germany under her political and economic domination.

The Soviet motives for this policy are:

1. Fear that if Germany is not brought under Russian or Communist domination it may one day again become the base and arsenal for an attack on Russia from the West.
2. Calculation that with Germany under Soviet control the political and economic position of Germany—re-Nazified, remilitarised, and rearmoured by the West.

That is a bogey which, as I have seen for myself, is very frightening to Poles and Czechs, and most effective in rallying them to their Soviet protectors.

They will play up to the Germans, by proposing that all Powers evacuate Germany, that the German people be allowed to decide its own future by plebiscite.

The reply

THE West began to react: True, they had no intention of letting Germany become a base for an attack on Soviet Russia and thereby a threat to that world peace on which the prosperity of their sensitive economic system depends. But they in turn made it clear that they regarded a Soviet satellite Germany as a menace.

They preferred to see Germany adopt the Western way of democracy, life, attach herself to the Western economic system—if the world must be split—and become a prosperous bulwark against the spread of Communism and the lower standard of living it brings with it.

When the Russians at the Moscow conference continued to refuse every compromise, the British and the Americans determined on unilateral action in their joint zones. Without consulting the Russians they raised the level of industrial production above what had been prescribed at Potsdam.

The Americans launched a propaganda campaign against Communism and Soviet Russia.

General Clay, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. zone, at a meeting with German journalists which I attended, hinted openly at the desirability, in his view, of the formation of an independent West German Government based on the present German bi-zonal administration in Frankfurt.

What now?

THAT is the essence of the situation. The tactics likely to be followed at the conference by the four delegates are fairly clear. Each will try to prove to the world that if there is a breakdown it is through no fault of his.

But I believe that all the delegates at this conference have made up their minds already that there will be a breakdown. The French and ourselves with regret—the French, because it will rob them of staying neutral between West and East and because it will sharpen the civil conflict in France; the British, because we don't want to see increased tension between the Americans and the Russians.

That the Russians are resigned to a breakdown became manifest when they turned down the Marshall Plan, and refused to allow their satellites to come in on it.

They decided then that the creation of a West European bloc, including Western Germany, was a lesser evil than the commercial penetration of Eastern and Southern Europe by the Americans in the wake of American economic aid.

After all, their political warfare would still give them many possibilities of undermining the American hold.

As for propaganda, they will exploit to the full the opportunities the conference gives them of conjuring up the bogey of a resurgent

DE GAULLE'S BROTHER IS MAYOR

By Gordon Young

PARIS.
THE famous name of de Gaulle leaps ahead dramatically.

The general's bank clerk brother Pierre, who is almost everything that the general is not, has his first taste of political glory, with his election as Mayor of Paris by 51 votes to 33 (the Communists and Socialists voted against him).

When you go to see 50-year-old Pierre de Gaulle in his apartment near the Invalides, you find he is so overcrowded he even has a double bed in his study.

These days the general has become aggressive, almost strident, but Pierre remains so quiet that he is almost colourless. He looks exactly what he is—an assistant bank manager.

He has been with his bank in the Boulevard Haussmann since he began as a clerk in 1921. And when he spoke to the foreign correspondents at a luncheon last week you felt that at any moment he might say earnestly: "Tell me now, just what are your personal troubles?"

Instead, he told the Anglo-American newspapermen, "There is nothing I can say that my brother cannot say better—there is nothing I can offer except my name."

Contrasts

Unlike the general, Pierre is modest. Unlike the general, Pierre drinks and is a good fellow in company. Unlike the general, who has always had to contend with a gawky, soldierly manner, Pierre has worldly charm. But he thinks his brother is a great man, and has all the popular postcard photographs of the general pinned round on the walls of his Paris apartment.

And today, because Frenchmen are desperately anxious about the future, the general's postcards sell like those of Roosevelt and Churchill during the war. Even the way that Pierre de Gaulle was elected was typical of the present tension in France. There was a quarter of an hour's uproar in the city hall when the results of the voting were announced.

The Communists shouted "Vichyites" and the de Gaulle men shouted back "Go home to Moscow." At the end of the row the 23 Communists walked out.

That was a small showdown, but increasingly Frenchmen feel that France's big showdown may come before the New Year. And it is one for France but for all the Western Powers, including Britain and America.

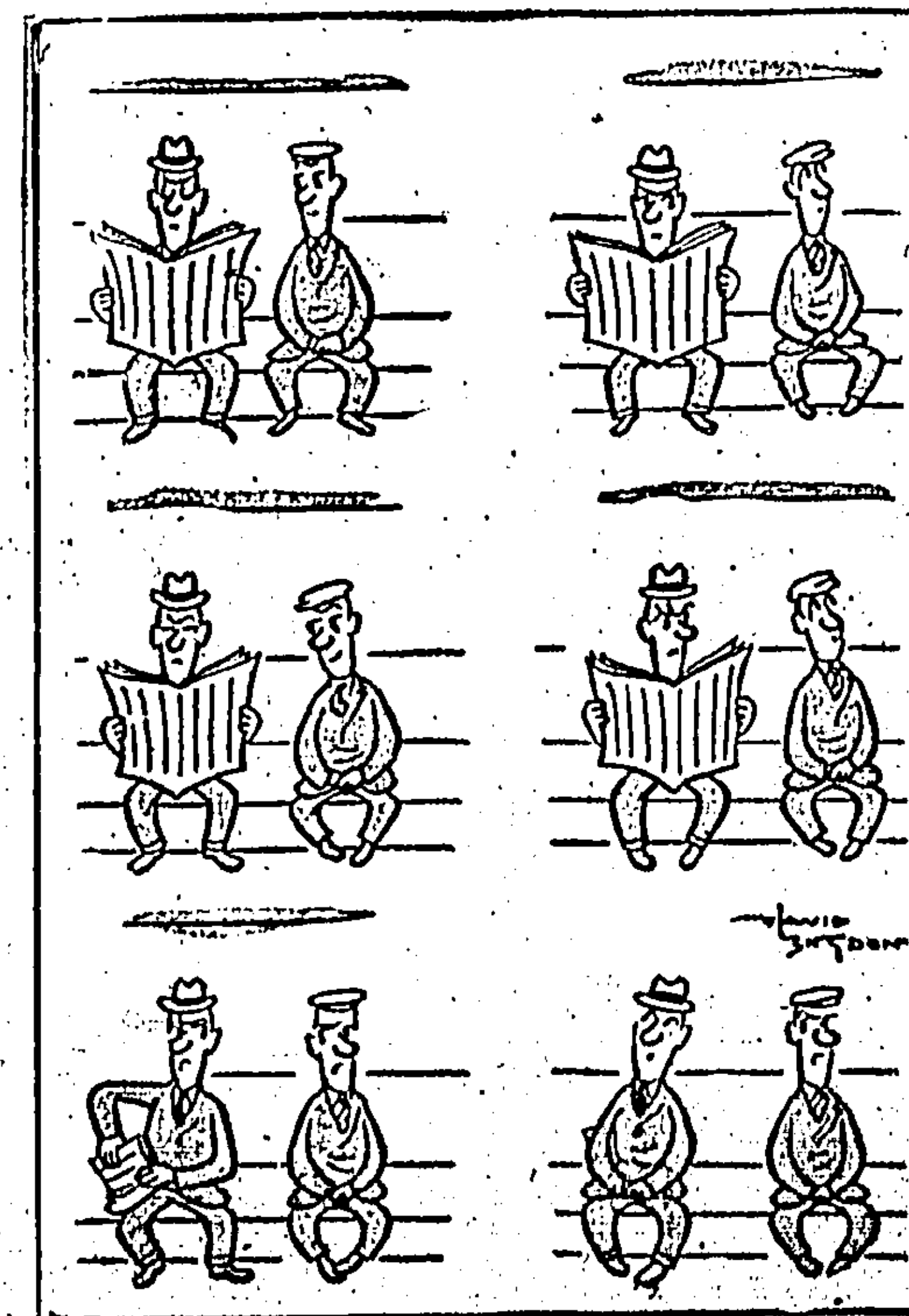
The tussle

The final count, Frenchmen think, must be between the Communists and the Rest.

At this moment France's Communist leader, Maurice Thorez, is in Moscow, getting new instructions for the French political "war." Moscow, no doubt, feels that Thorez must return with clear new orders because in these last months the French Communists have been outmanoeuvred and outmanoeuvred in all directions by the talented men around de Gaulle.

These Gaullists include many men who in war days were leaders in all the tricks of sabotage and political warfare. They know how to spread a rumour. They know how to start a riot.

DAVID LANGDON CARTOON



WHAT IS YOUR RELIGION?

The third of three important articles by the leaders of the Churches in Britain setting down in simple language the faiths of their Churches

The beliefs of the Roman Catholics

by ... Cardinal Bernard Griffin,
Archbishop of Westminster

THE most striking feature of the Catholic Church is that it is catholic.

This may sound rather an obvious thing to say, but a moment's reflection shows that it is a fact more often than not overlooked by casual observers. The word catholic means, of course, world-wide or universal. It means, and this is much more to the point, that it is non-national.

It is perhaps the most easily understood claim of the Church to represent Christ, the Founder of the Church, that she alone claims in the real sense of the word to be catholic.

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I WONDER if you see what I mean?

When you mention the name of any Christian sect you imply at once a national allegiance.

A member of the Church of England is almost certain to be English or a native of some British possession. A member of the Church of Ireland is quite naturally Irish, a Presbyterian is a Scot or of Scotch ancestry, an Episcopalian is an American, a Lutheran a German.

Thus we might run through the whole list of the Protestant sects seeing that either locally or nationally they belong to one particular group.

Whereas to mention that a man is a Catholic is to give no hint of his race or national allegiance.

A Catholic may be, like myself, an Englishman. He may be German, American, Italian, French or Dutch. He may be black or white. He may be Chinese or Japanese.

There is simply no way of knowing to what race a Catholic may belong.

Nor are numbers any indication. There are more Catholics in America, for example, than in Ireland or Italy.

But this is not a question of arithmetic but of religion.

Christ sent His apostles to preach the Gospel to every creature. He said that there would be one fold and one shepherd. No national flag was to wave over that fold, which was to embrace men of every nation and of every race.

I think I should add that to rejoice in the universal character of the Church is in no way to look down on those men and women of good faith who belong to one or other of the national religious bodies.

A man is bound to follow his own conscience.

I should be the last to say that there are no Protestants leading more Christlike lives than many of my own Catholic brethren.

To claim that Christ founded one Church and that His Church is catholic is often thought to be an attack upon Christians who do not belong to the visible unity of the Ancient Faith.

Let it be said at once that to state a conviction is not to attack those who do not share it.

GIFT OF FAITH And honest doubters

FAITH is a gift of God and no man has the right to blame those who honestly doubt or disbelieve what he knows to be true.

For the Catholic the Church teaches infallible truth. For us the promise that Christ would be with His Church until the end of time, in order to teach her all truth, is accepted as a simple and consoling statement of theological fact.

But what is the essential message of this universal Church? Quite simply it is the love of God.

This is the very purpose of man's creation, which is to know, love and serve Almighty God in this world and so to be happy with Him for ever in the next.

The centre and soul of Catholic teaching is the personal love of Jesus Christ the Son of God. Everything else in the Church is, by contrast, of small importance.



Cardinal Griffin

Yet, oddly enough, the unimportant superficial details are most commonly taken to represent the fullness of the Catholic religion. Let me give some simple examples.

The architecture, the painting and the music associated with Catholic life and ritual are not infrequently thought to be the main attractions of the Faith.

Yet the Church could still carry on her mission without music, incense, flowers, candles and the hundred and one details which soften and beautify the practice of Catholic worship.

GREAT ART For highest purpose

IN the days when Europe was Catholic the greatest artists wished to give of their best to the Church, seeking to say: "I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy house and the place where Thy glory dwelleth."

The Catholic monks who built Canterbury Cathedral knew that God could be worshipped in a hall or barn. But they thought that Him the best was good enough for Him.

Similarly the musicians considered it the crowning glory of their life work to compose a Mass to be sung to God's glory in His churches.

It is because man is composed of body and spirit that he uses material things in his worship of Almighty God. If he were an angel he would not need to use these things.

THE TASK To teach, to sanctify

I have mentioned the mission of the Church. This means the purpose for which Christ founded it. Briefly, we may say that the Church's mission is two-fold—to teach and to sanctify.

To teach it is necessary to have knowledge. For this reason the Church does not permit the Catholic name to be retained when Catholic truth is distorted or even diluted.

A Catholic bishop or priest has no right to use a Catholic pulpit to indulge his own private views on the interpretation of scripture, or to teach the latest improvement he considers he has made upon the dogmas of Catholicism.

As our Catholic boys realised during the war, if they were in Canada, Malta, Burma or Beirut, the teaching of the Church was precisely the same in every detail.

It is a misuse of the word broad-minded to leave a flock at the mercy of the idiosyncrasies of every minister.

Our Lord Himself was not vague. He taught His apostles a definite and dogmatic religion.

Because of the unbroken succession of pastors from apostolic times, the Catholic Church still insists that the Faith shall be taught as received and not presented in a new version with every changing wind of popular prejudice.

In a word, the Church exists to teach the truth and to minister to the spiritual needs of the faithful. This is another way of saying that it is the duty of the Church to administer the seven sacraments to the brethren of Christ.

It is clearly impossible in a short article to deal with the whole of the sacramental system.

I content myself with saying that the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist, is the constant and sublime means of sanctification which the Church has to offer.

The solid and abiding offering which the Catholic Church makes to God is the sacrifice of the Son of God in the Holy Mass.

There has never been a religion without a sacrifice. The sacrifice of the Christian religion is the sacrifice of Mount Calvary. But that sacrifice, in obedience to Christ's command, is made perpetual in the Holy Mass.

"From the rising of the sun to the going down thereof my name is great among the Gentiles and in every place there is sacrifice and there is offered to my name a clean oblation."

DAILY MASS The corner-stone

THE offering of the Holy Mass in which the faithful make oblation of themselves is the corner-stone of Catholic life.

So that the Mass may be less unworthily offered, Catholics throughout the world have erected basilicas, churches and chapels.

Another essential Catholic practice is that of devotion to our Blessed Lady. God singled her out from among all other creatures as the one who should give Him His human flesh and blood when He became man. We therefore honour her as the Mother of God.

Relics of the devotion to our Blessed Lady in Catholic England are still to be found.

Every cathedral has its Lady Chapel, March 25 we call Lady Day, and the fifth month of the year we call May, which is the month of Mary.

During May Catholics hold processions in honour of the Mother of God.

Catholics in Britain are in a minority, but we are proud to belong to a Church which claims a membership of 400,000,000.



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

IN order to stop heath and woodland fires Dr Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht has invented an asbestos match which cannot be struck.

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"But they couldn't light cigarettes," said an official.

"If they could light cigarettes," said the Doctor, "they could cause heath and woodland fires."

Whoa, Mayor!

EXTRACT from a letter from Mr. T. Cleverley Grampound, Mayor of Sopping Overcote, to his sister, Mrs. Gravey.

... She is to be the British Gear-Box Queen at Tolverham. She doesn't talk much, as she is the serious type. Still waters run deep. I asked her if her people were a branch of the Wiltshire Slopcomers. She smiled mysteriously. So I said, "Is your father a Wiltshire Slopcomer?" And she said, "No. He's Ted Slopcomer." Rather witty, I thought.

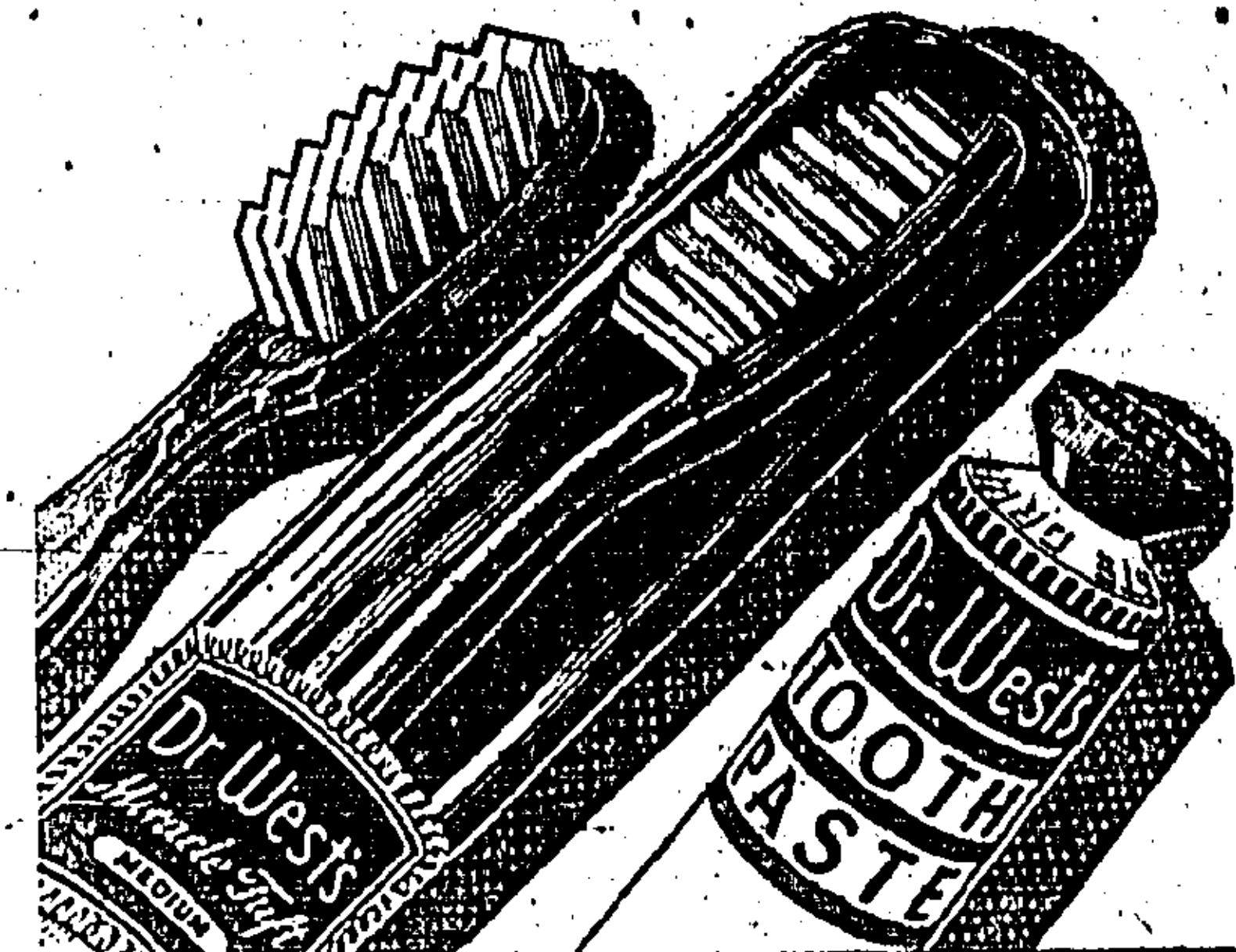
From Mrs. Gravey to Mr. Grampound

... Your still waters don't sound very deep. Take care not to make an ass of yourself. She evidently thought Wiltshire was a Christian name. Anyhow, you don't want a wife who gads about as Miss 1947 all the time. I hear she giggled and said some very foolish things at Bampton St. George.

In passing

AN exhaustive reading of the newspapers convinces me that nothing will satisfy the leader-writers but a knock-out blow. Every time the public is banded through the ropes the chorus goes up, "Hit us harder! Go on! You aren't trying! That didn't hurt nearly enough!"

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Steel Is Badly Needed, Yet Ships Are Scuttled

By "Candidus"

IN this unfortunate era, when worldwide shortages exist (or are supposed to exist), I find myself wondering why so much presumably valuable steel and other metal is towed out to sea and sunk.

The excuse is usually given that using ex-enemy warships as targets provides valuable data for the engineers, scientists and shipbuilders. I suppose the creators of machines of destruction must keep abreast of the times, but I cannot believe that the destruction of so much metal is necessary.

This week-end, a Japanese warship will become the target for the gunnery of the British China Fleet, although what scientific data will be secured which has not already been discovered elsewhere by the same process I cannot imagine.

It may be that the steel plates and other metal, which within a few hours will find a resting place in the China Sea, have no commercial use, although I very much doubt whether such is really the case. I do know that the rest of the world, needs steel—and needs it badly, even if only a matter of a few hundred tons.

Another line of thought leads one to wonder whether such a ship could not be converted to commercial use. Old naval vessels have been sold before, and before the year a converted destroyer was a familiar sight in South China ports, between

which she plied her peaceful trade for many years. Presumably, the country's exchequer benefited by her sale.

I think I am safe in asserting that since the end of the war, millions of pounds worth of steel has been used as targets for the Allied Navies; and to me as a layman, waste on such a large, and so frequently repeated scale appears to be unnecessarily and foolishly wasteful.

THE proposed Bill to authorise a loan of \$150,000,000 for the general rehabilitation of the Colony is being widely and favourably discussed, and many conjectures are being made as to its success or otherwise. The consensus of opinion would indicate that the loan will quickly be over-subscribed, the interest being favourable and the security, of course, gilt-edged. It is to be hoped that such will prove to be the case, and that Government will thus be guided and encouraged to raise further money in the same way. To continually lean on the Colonial Office is most unsatisfactory, and many urgent development schemes are necessarily delayed or turned down in consequence.

It is interesting to note that the Bill empowers the Governor or Crown Agents, acting on his behalf, to offer bonds on the London market, although it is to be hoped that such action will be as a last resort only. It is of great importance that as much as possible of the Colony's wealth should be absorbed on the spot, and I subscribe to the belief that the local demand for bonds will be heavy. Once the local demand is met, then there is no reason why more money should not be raised in London.

Enterprise and initiative here can raise funds for the Airport, Tunnel, University and other necessary improvements; and if the vision of the future is to be realised, and Hongkong to forge ahead, much more than a mere million pounds must be made available.



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SPORTS FEATURES

Softball Chatter By "Spectator"

SOFTBALL RETURNS TO LEAGUE TILTS

This week-end will see a full programme of League games. Tomorrow, topping the 12-game bill of fare, Merry Madcaps, who have proved themselves to be giant-killers, will delight when they meet C. B. Wong's South China Caroliners with well-oiled co-ordinated play. The odds are the Marquessmen from Madcapville will bring the bacon home, but it is not expected that they will have it all their own way.

While they have impressed tremendously with victories over such powerful contingents as the Reds and Canadians, they have not yet convinced that they are an all-power machine. It is a case of the lightest underdogs. They have to do a lot of fighting to convince, but if they do emerge on top when reckoning comes, they will receive all-round applause. Meanwhile, the know-alls would have it that the Madcaps do not yet possess champion players.

South China is a steady combination in fielding but comparatively weaker than the average batting strength of Eddie Marques' Madcaps. Both sides play well together with the Madcapmen having the slight edge over the Chinese in all departments of the game. With inexperienced links in the Madcap infield, however, the bag of tricks which South China does possess in the attack may yet explode for an upset.

OTHER PROSPECTS

Of the remaining four Senior Division games, Doc Molten's Base-batters should strike the winning column meeting Jack Dempsey's Coppers, but this game should be interesting for the latter stand some chance of garnering their first victory. Filpino and Rovers will probably fall easy victims to the Recreos and Saints respectively.

Big Bill Wood's Canadians rather disappointed in their last outing and unexpected defeat at the hands of Madcaps, but should make amends with easy triumph over Tony Alves' VRC's. A team tipped by many to win the coveted Doc F. J. Molten Shield this season, the Maple Leafs have to have Dame Misfortune in their midst. Starry hurler Herbie Quon probably will be unable to play for some time as a result of a severely sprained finger caused in one of the exhibition games. However, substitute all-rounder Kahsa Nazarin is a seasoned pitcher with quick pick-ups and will put Canuck hopes still in place. But a respite in view of Herbie's absence may spell evil.

There will be two ladies' games. Star volleyballers Yolanda Rosa, Yolanda Franco, Irene Machado and Irene Xavier, and Rooting Princess Terry Marques will combine their respective qualities to give the Best soft softball power to humiliate their blither sisters of the Aces from Madcapville.

LACK OF BALL SENSE

Rivalry should run high in the Canuckette-Wildcat fracas for either side could win. Challenging for the hurling crown is Wildcat Dolly Brown, whose deliveries dazzled in her last outing. She may spell ruin for "Glamour" Alice Mar's Leaf Gentles. Although it is known that Canuck backstopper, rookie Marianna Young, excels in other games, her lack of ball sense has caused many a run and the Canucks would do well to find a deputy in order not to let go a chance of snatching a win.

Last week's two exhibitions resulted in the unexpected, China beating Portugal among the girls and a weak India squad losing to the Rest of Colony. Both games were thoroughly enjoyed by the players, with little attention paid to playing their best for victory.

In the China-Portugal affair, the loudest applause heard for some time greeted a grand slam homer by versatile Ulan Koo. Hurling demon Terry Noronha, whose twirling was less menacing in this tilt, smashed a sizzling double. The losers committed 10 errors against China's two. The Chinese femmes banged out six hits and Portugal four in a 7-4 decision. Versatility of Alice Mar is noted for she was guarding the hot corner. She was last seen to play well as slubster, then at first base.

Taking the lead first, popular Jindoo Hussain's Indians succumbed to a 3-1 defeat. The longest blow of the game came from the hitting of Igmarr Eriksen. Good clutch hitting was displayed by Sid Hollands and Joey Franco both of whom had runs batted in. All the above honours went to the winners.

OBSERVATION POST

Horse Thief! Robber! Blind Man! These are but a few of the many names directed at umpires by "aggressive" bleachers. The "rich" part of it is they may do it without being marked down as bad sports, for it's done—but without malice. And the victims of aggression do not mind it—or rather they would have to take it whether they like it or not. The unfair part of it all, however, is the poor umpires have no opportunity to retaliate. Verbal salvos are exchanged—not one-sided as in the case of umpires—by players of opposing camps to get on one another's nerves. Yes Sir, all things are combined to win a ball game. Now, how come the "soft" part of the name of the game?

A fan would tell an umpire, he was blinder than a bat, but how was the former to say whether that last ball was a strike or ball when he could not be in a better position to judge than the ref who was right behind the plate? Truly, the umpire's job is a thankless one. It does not improve anything when our kashouse community, comprising some tough hoppers, is prone to jump on the unhappy umpire on the least provocation.

I would not say our present stock of umpires are unlets, for no matter how instantaneous and accurate is their judgment and how well versed are they with the rules of the game, there is always that wise guy, propaganda expert of the rooting section who will tell them off uncomplimentarily. If they should make a decision which is not favourable to his favourite.

COULD BE IMPROVED

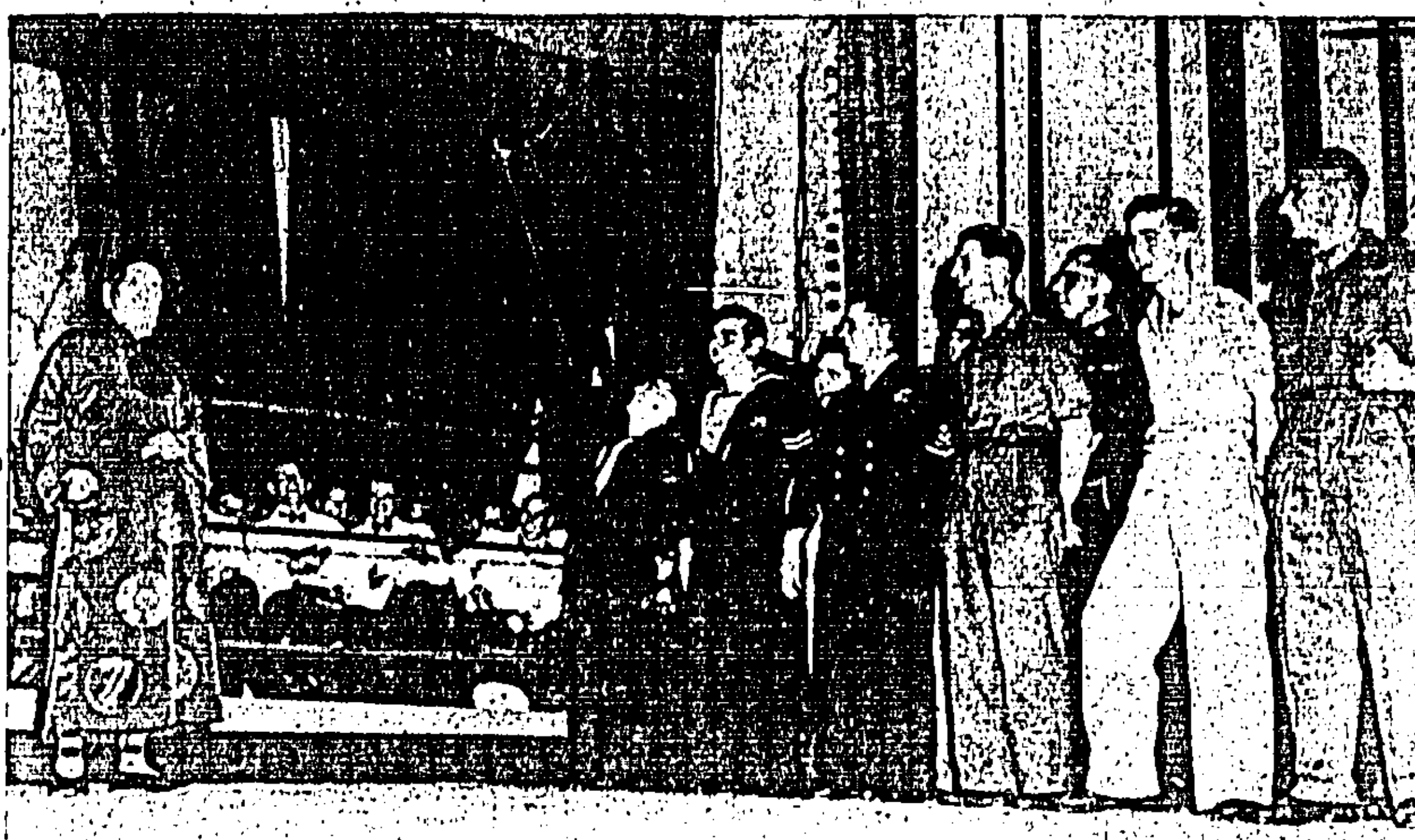
However, I would say that our umpiring could be improved. For instance, I noted that a plate umpire used "delayed action" in calling a strike or ball. That, of course, was the outcome of indecision. Then there was called an apparent ball a strike and vice versa. Evidently thinking he had made an error, purposely the umpire made a wrong call to make amends. And then there was the first base umpire who decided on a play from the back of the first baseman. The fumble by the fielder was not noted as the runner touched the base but the latter was called out.

I have seen a fielder throwing his glove on the ground in apparent anger over a decision he thought was a wrong one. He might have been right in his indignation for some umpires are awfully blind. Then I saw a player kick a base away from his place. Probably he wanted to hit at something and he did it to the umpire, though he was cock-eyed, he thought. Decisions on judgment could not be argued against. It is most creditable to "play the umpire," however, it is hoped that some improvement is seen in that direction. For if not, we may yet see a player chasing an umpire with a bat—heavens forbid! And that won't be nice!

Arthur Peall says:

IMPORTANT advice rule, is that an intentional miss shall not be made. That is what a strike was up to now, a ball faced by the batter shown in diagram. He was smothered by black with pink and blue places where his opponent (1) and (2) to see them. The leave was a so hopeless a strike that he had an intention to miss. The side cushion, by so doing, he broke the rule, pleading that it was impossible to do anything else, do not hurry, he should have tried his best to hit it. If I had, I would have hit it. I had awarded it to his opponent. A run-through in-on white which is very likely to miss. Prevent this by playing plain ball, no side or top, no-bat travelling through slowly enough to allow the subject white to run clear.

Sir Shouson Chow Issues A Challenge



As the above picture shows, Sir Shouson Chow caused great merriment when in the course of distributing the prizes at the China Fleet Club boxing tournament last Tuesday he issued a challenge to all-comers over the age of 80 to a three-round bout. Tuesday's tournament was conducted in aid of the Boys' and Girls' Association. —Golden Studio.

SPORTS DIARY

TODAY

Football—1st Division

Caroline Hill—S. China v. Kwong Wah, 4 p.m.
Sookunpoo—Buffs v. Kitchee, 4 p.m.
Navy—RAF v. Club, 4 p.m.
Police—Athletic v. Royal Navy, 4 p.m.

2nd Division "A"

Caroline Hill—Dockyard v. S. China, 2.30 p.m.
Sookunpoo—Eastern v. Kitchee, 2.30 p.m.
Navy—Navy v. RAO, 2.30 p.m.
Valley—WD Chinese v. HQLE, 2.30 p.m.

2nd Division "B"

Police—Athletic v. REME, 2.30 p.m.

Cricket

King's Park—Royal Navy v. IRC, 2 p.m.
Sookunpoo—HK Garrison v. KCC, 2 p.m.
Craigengower—CCC v. HMS Tamar, 2 p.m.
Recreio—Recreio v. University, 2 p.m.
KCC—KCC "A" v. A Naval XI, 2 p.m.
HKCC—Intra-Club match, L.D.
Kilbee's XI v. H. Owen Hughes XI, 2 p.m.

Softball

CBA Ground—Ladies Division: Madcaps "A" v. Madcaps "B", 3 p.m.
Junior Division: Rangers v. Braves, 4.15 p.m.
Recreio—Junior Division: Daredavils v. Rexes, 3 p.m.; Cosmos v. United Nations, 4.15 p.m.

Lawn Bowls

KBGC—St. Andrew's Society v. St. George's Society, 2.45 p.m.

Rugby

Sookunpoo—Quadrangular Tournament: Army v. RAF and Police, 3.15 p.m.

SUNDAY

Football—1st Division

Police—K. Motor Bus v. Police, 4 p.m.
Sookunpoo—25th RA v. St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.
Club—Sing Tao v. Innicks, 4 p.m.

2nd Division "A"

Police—K. Motor Bus v. Police, 2.30 p.m.
Valley—Talkoo v. St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.

2nd Division "B"

Valley—Signals v. Electric, 4 p.m.
Sookunpoo—RAM v. Chinese Cadre, 2.30 p.m.
Club—Club v. RASC, 2.30 p.m.
Caroline Hill—South China v. RA, 2.30 p.m.

Cricket

Craigengower—CCC v. Naval Dockyard, 11.30 a.m.

Softball

CBA Ground—Senior Division: St. Joseph's v. Rovers, 9.30 a.m.; Madcaps v. S. China, 11.15 a.m.
Junior Division: Josephians v. Wildfires, 1 p.m.; Ladies Division: Wildcats v. Canadians, 2.30 p.m.
Recreio Football Ground—Senior Division: Police v. HKDC, 9.30 a.m.; Canadians v. VRC, 11.15 a.m.
Junior Division: Jaguars v. Blue Bees, 2.30 p.m.
Recreio Softball Diamond—Senior Division: Filpino v. Recreio, 11.15 a.m.

Attractive Football Ties This Weekend

(BY "SEE TEE")

With most of the local senior league clubs more than half way through their programme of league matches, Kitchee, who have held the top position in the table for many weeks, are now firmly consolidated as league leaders. Three Chinese clubs, Chinese Athletic, South China and Kowloon Motor Buses are racing neck and neck as chief challengers.

This week-end's soccer programme is undisturbed by representative matches. Kitchee face quite a tough proposition this afternoon, when they meet the Buffs at Sookunpoo, while tomorrow's most interesting league battle is the first clash between Sing Tao, last season's league champions, and the Inniskillings, the leading Service eleven.

Kitchee have played fifteen matches, which, under normal circumstances would mean that they had met all the other clubs in the league (there are fifteen teams in the first division). The withdrawal of the Devons from the league, however, after their match with Eastern on November 2, and their supersession by the Buffs, who took over their league programme, means that this afternoon's match between the Buffs and Kitchee at Sookunpoo is the first meeting of the two eleven.

The Buffs got away to a quiet start in local league football. In their first match they gave Sing Tao a temporary scare by leading at half time, but it was not until they played their fourth league match against the Club on November 20, that they registered their first victory. Last week-end the Buffs beat Kwong Wah 3-2.

TWO HARD GAMES

Kitchee have had two hard matches in the last two weeks. A fortnight ago they were rather lucky to hold their own against the Inniskillings in a very dour struggle at Causeway Bay. A goal from the penalty spot, enabled them to cling to a final 2-1 victory. The Inniskillings showed fine bustling form that day and were within an ace of running the league leaders off their feet.

Last week-end Kitchee met one of their greatest rivals, the Kowloon Motor Busesmen, and beat them 2-1. This was the second meeting of the two clubs, and Kitchee were victors on both occasions. The first meeting was the first match of the season, on September 27 at the Police Ground. Kitchee won with plenty to spare by five goals to one. Last Saturday their 2-1 victory did not flatter Kitchee: they seemed always to have that little bit extra football craft and teamwork which enabled them to dictate the tempo of the game.

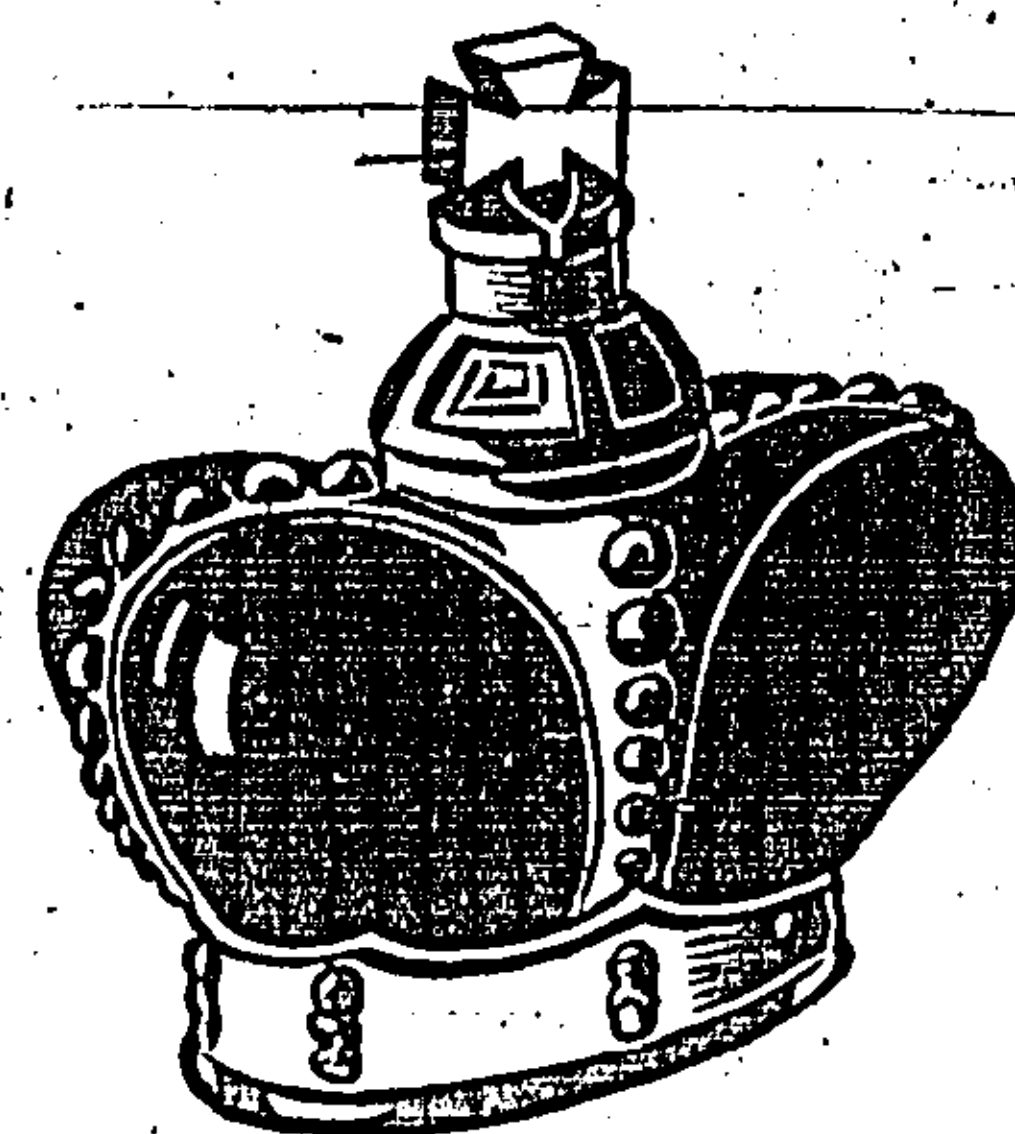
The Buffs are improving steadily. Nevertheless, their half back line has been disappointing under pressure, and unless this can be remedied they cannot expect to lower the league leaders' colours. Only one club, St. Joseph's, has beaten Kitchee so far this season.

CLUB AND RAF AGAIN

The second meeting of the RAF and the Club brings back memories of their storming game a month ago on the Club ground. In this match Sowell, the Air Force centre forward, cracked a hat-trick into the Club's defence after only twelve minutes' play. In a ding-dong, storming battle the Club fought back in fine style and Fowler (who also scored three goals that day) notched the equaliser seven minutes from time. This exciting game ended in a 4-4 draw. This afternoon's game which is at Causeway Bay, may prove equally attractive.

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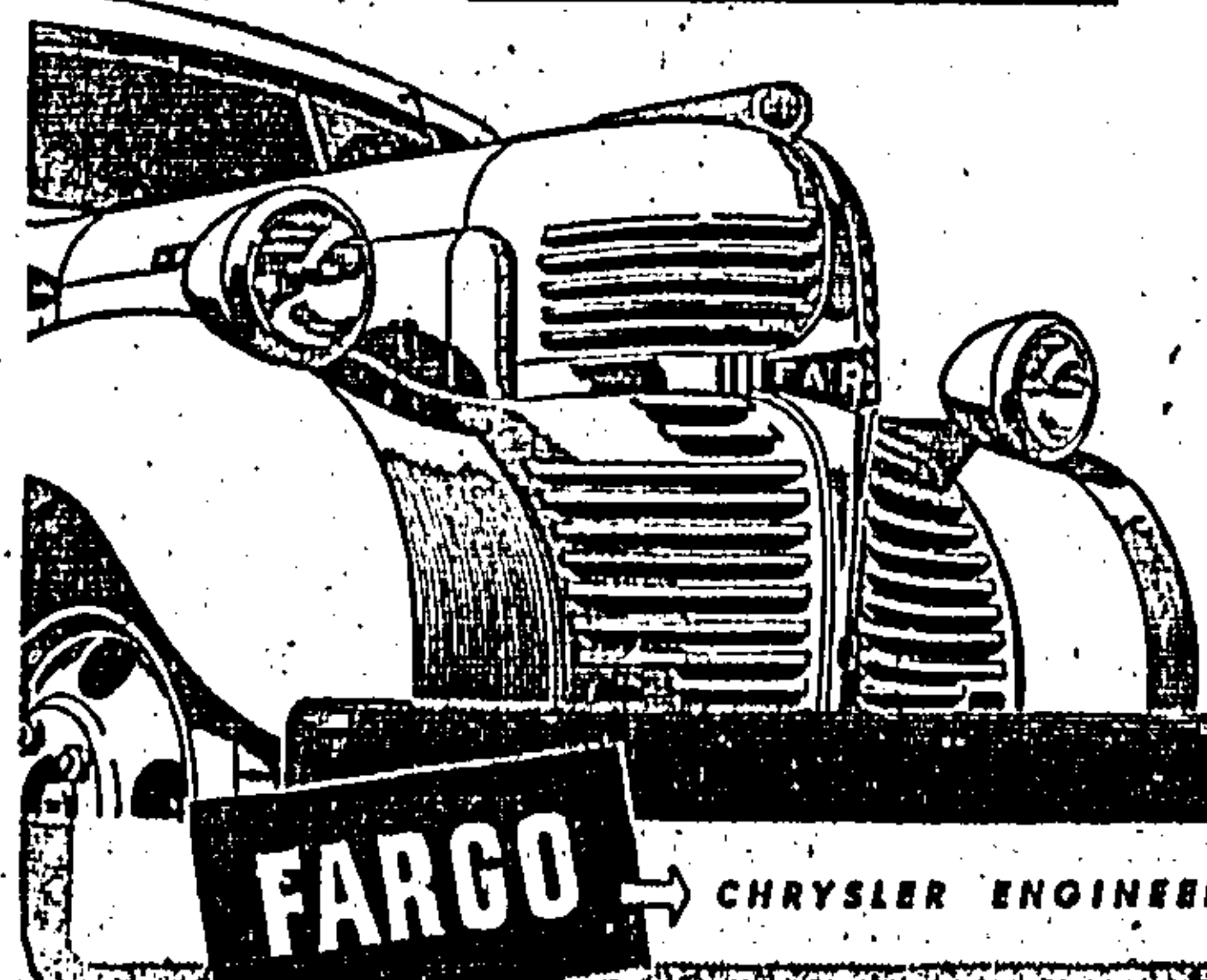
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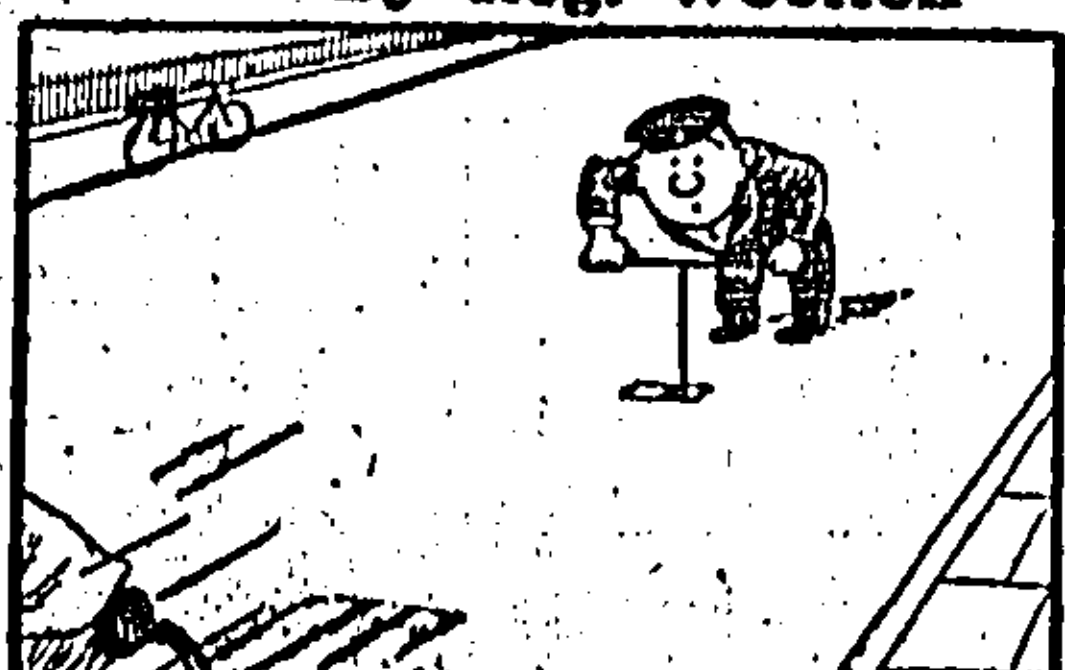
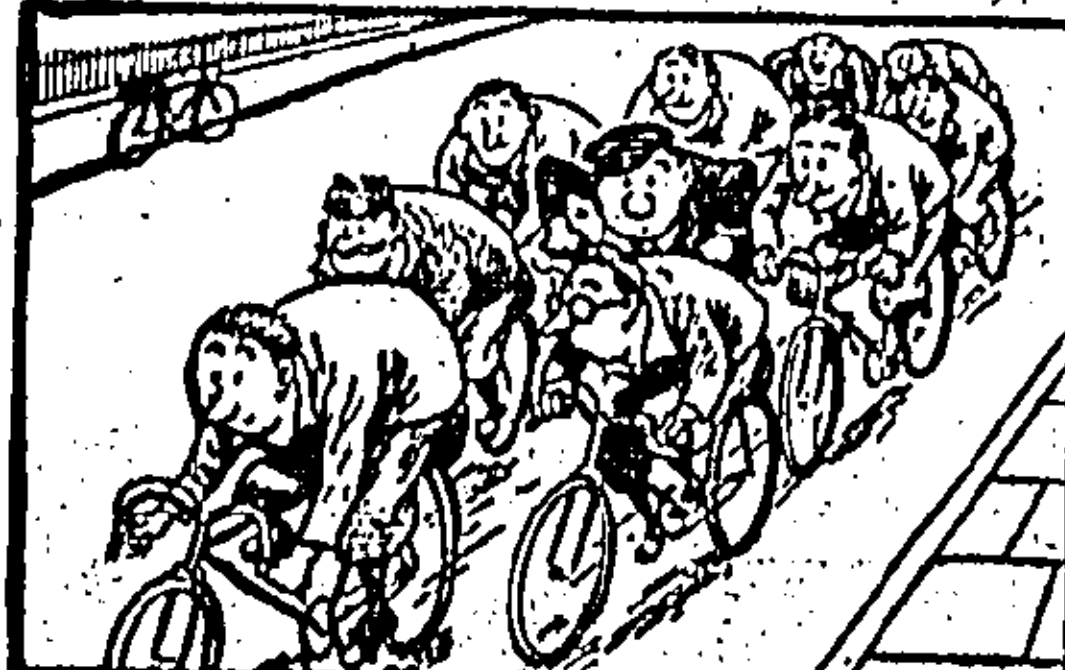


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Best Hollywood Voices

Dr. Simon Mitchell, president of the Hollywood Speech Culture Institute, has listed his choice of the nine best voices on the screen in English diction. He arranges them in this way:

Jean Pierre Aumont (French), for classic and romantic interest; Charles Boyer (French), for moving sincerity and musical vibrancy; Louis Calhern (American), for cosmopolitan range and complete intelligibility; Joan Crawford (American) for fine enunciation and vividness; Greer Garson (Northern Ireland) for total mastery of sound scale and distinction; Herbert Marshall (English), for masculine dignity; Maria Montez (Dominican Republic), for flexibility and expressiveness; Tyrone Power (American), for fine and pleasant American quality; and Loretta Young (American), for Spartan femininity. — Associated Press.

John van Guilder

A German Bride In Britain After One Year

By SIDNEY RODIN

THE sound of a German song, tenderly sung, comes from the living room of a small council house in Clifton-road, just another street in Bilston, Black Country town of Staffordshire.

A young girl is singing as she makes baby clothes at an old sewing machine in the quiet of the afternoon.

Perhaps she is thinking of her home in the Ruhr, where her mother and father still live, where her brother came home from the German Army.

But there is much to do. Her husband, who has been on night shift as a metal worker, will soon be stirring and wanting a meal.

His two brothers, also on night work, will be down, too. Her mother-in-law comes in cheerfully to help prepare the table.

Twenty-one-year-old Liselott Emma Biermann, of Wanne Eickel, has been Mrs. Kenneth Cox, a British housewife, for nine months.

Sometimes she feels she is now part of the Black Country, living its hard-working life, talking English with an echo of its accent, sharing its overcrowded housing conditions.

It began on January 11 this year, when more than a thousand people crammed St. Leonard's, the parish church of Bilston, to see ex-Goldstream Guardsman Cox, wear the town's first German girl of Hitler's village. The wedding was at 11 a.m.—Frau Emma Biermann had insisted on the hour, the German hour for weddings. She found herself clinging to German things.

STILL FRIGHTENED

AFTER years of Ruhr bombing, years of hate-teaching, she was still frightened of English people as she stood at the altar.

The vicar sensed the tense atmosphere. "One wrong word," he later admitted, "and there might have been a demonstration. I did not warn the police. I always feel I can control a congregation in my own church."

So he said to the fair-haired girl, for all to hear: "You will find it difficult for a stranger in a strange land, but I am sure you will find Bilston people are very warm-hearted and understanding."

The bride cried silently. A German prisoner stepped forward to whisper to her. An English-woman touched her and gave her a pair of silk stockings and the pressing through outside made way for the couple to leave.

Round Clifton-road, the frank-minded, rough people of this iron

town stared, and reserved judgment.

When the bridegroom's father went for a drink, the company in the bar asked: "Why didn't your son marry an English girl?"

Old man Cox retorted: "That's his affair." And the subject was rarely broached again.

There were many letters, but only one distressed "Lottl." The kindly ones she sent to her mother.

Three months later Lottl took a factory job. Bilston mentally marked one up in her favour, and the other girl workers found they liked the bride from the Ruhr.

Lottl plucked up courage to go shopping on her own. The shopkeepers liked her broad, open face. Some of those worn Bilston hearts melted, for Kenneth's mother said: "One shop sold her a spring chicken for 2s. 6d., but for the same sort of fowl they charged me 8s. 6d."

SHE'S LONELY

THE German girl is lonely for a glimpse of her beloved Fatherland, she wishes to see her parents again—her father is a miner and has silicosis—but life is gentle enough in Bilston now.

If she has not been absorbed entirely, she is not opposed.

The Rev. J. C. Ayling, who married her, remarked: "Lottl is taken at her face value as an individual. That is how they assess you in the Black Country."

A woman shopkeeper said: "Lottl is a nice creature, but that does not mean I want to be her friend. My husband, who was in the Navy, has told me what Germans did to helpless seamen. I remember their record as a nation."

Stalwart Kenneth Cox said simply: "Lottl was a schoolgirl when Hitler declared war. How can she be blamed? No one blames her in my hearing."

And in her difficult, flat English Lottl herself said: "I have not done anything to anybody. Why should they do anything to me? I cannot help what they say behind my back."

A BABY COMING

SHE was forced to work for Hitler in Poland, then on the railway and on farms, without pay. She will tell you she is ashamed of what the Nazis did, but you feel she is proud of her country.

She talks of the big house her mother once kept, and of the lovely countryside almost at her doorstep—so different from plackened Bilston.

There is a baby coming. "If it is a boy, I shall call him Wilhelm, and my husband can call him William. If a girl she will be Martha to me, Martha to my husband."



Mrs. Cox

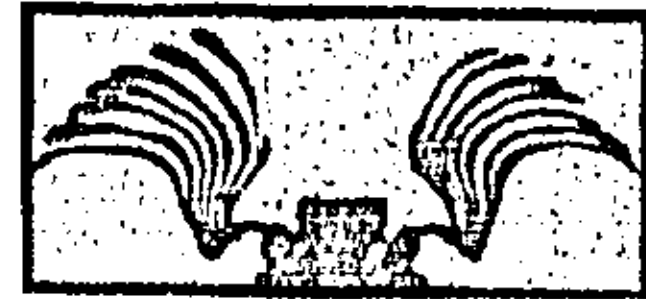
Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. Which London theatre, as a relic of a quarrel between a prince and his father, has doors marked—
King's Side, Prince's Side?

2. In how many names of English counties does the suffix *sex*, meaning Saxon, appear—
2, 3, 5, 7?

3. The greatest man to be born in Leicester was—
Dr. Samuel Johnson, Fanny Arbuckle, Daniel Lambert, G. K. Chesterton, Teddy Brown?



4. There is a bird called the secretary, but the above is not the winged typewriter. Yet it belongs to the flying world.

5. Which American States are popularly known as—
Empire State, Cotton State, Panhandle State, Wonder State?

6. One of these footballers was transferred for the highest fee ever paid for a player—
Tom Lawton, William Steel, Bryn Jones, Stanley Matthews, Albert Stubbins?

7. With which writers do you associate these places—
Haworth Moor, Egdon Heath, Abbotsford, Kilmuir?

8. From the cacao tree we get—
Cocaine, cocoa, cacao, cochineal, ipocacuanha?

9. Which would you rather have—
A half-dozen dozen half-crowns or six dozen dozen shillings?

10. Does a hedonist—
Kidnap babies, ignore marriage, revile religion, live for pleasure?

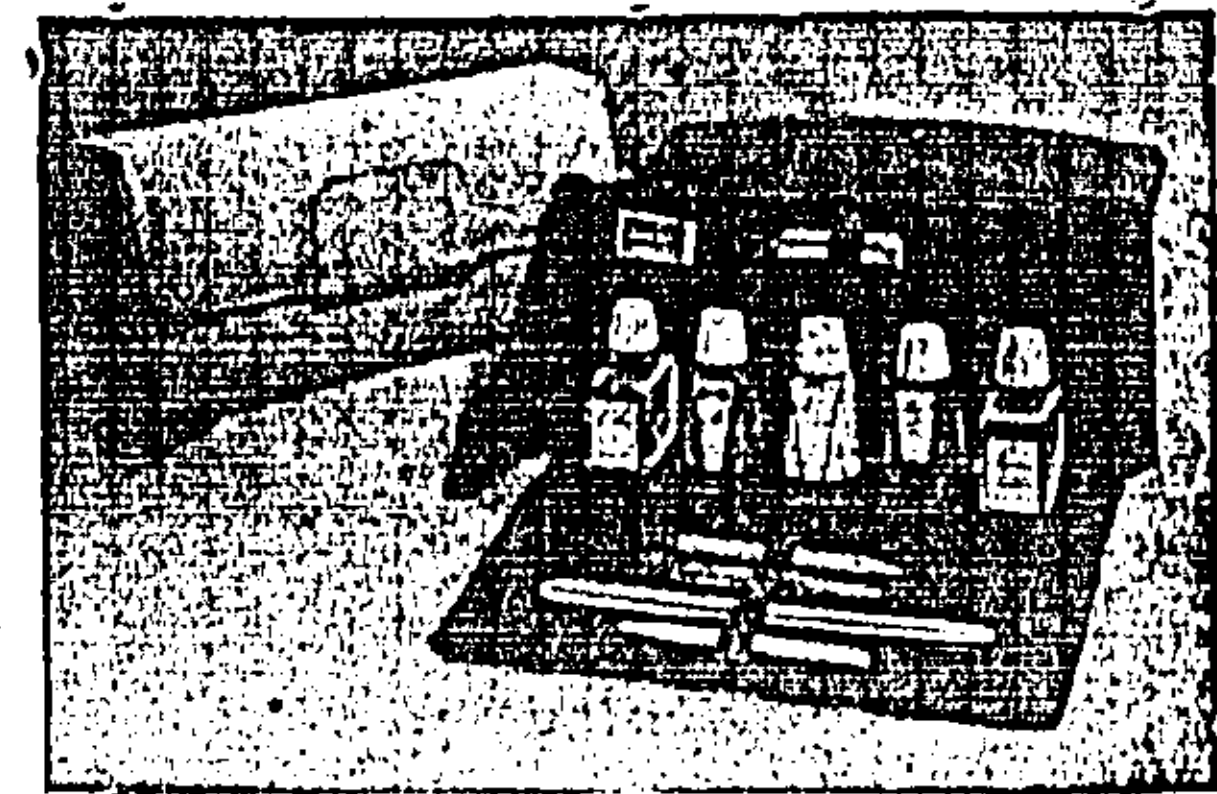
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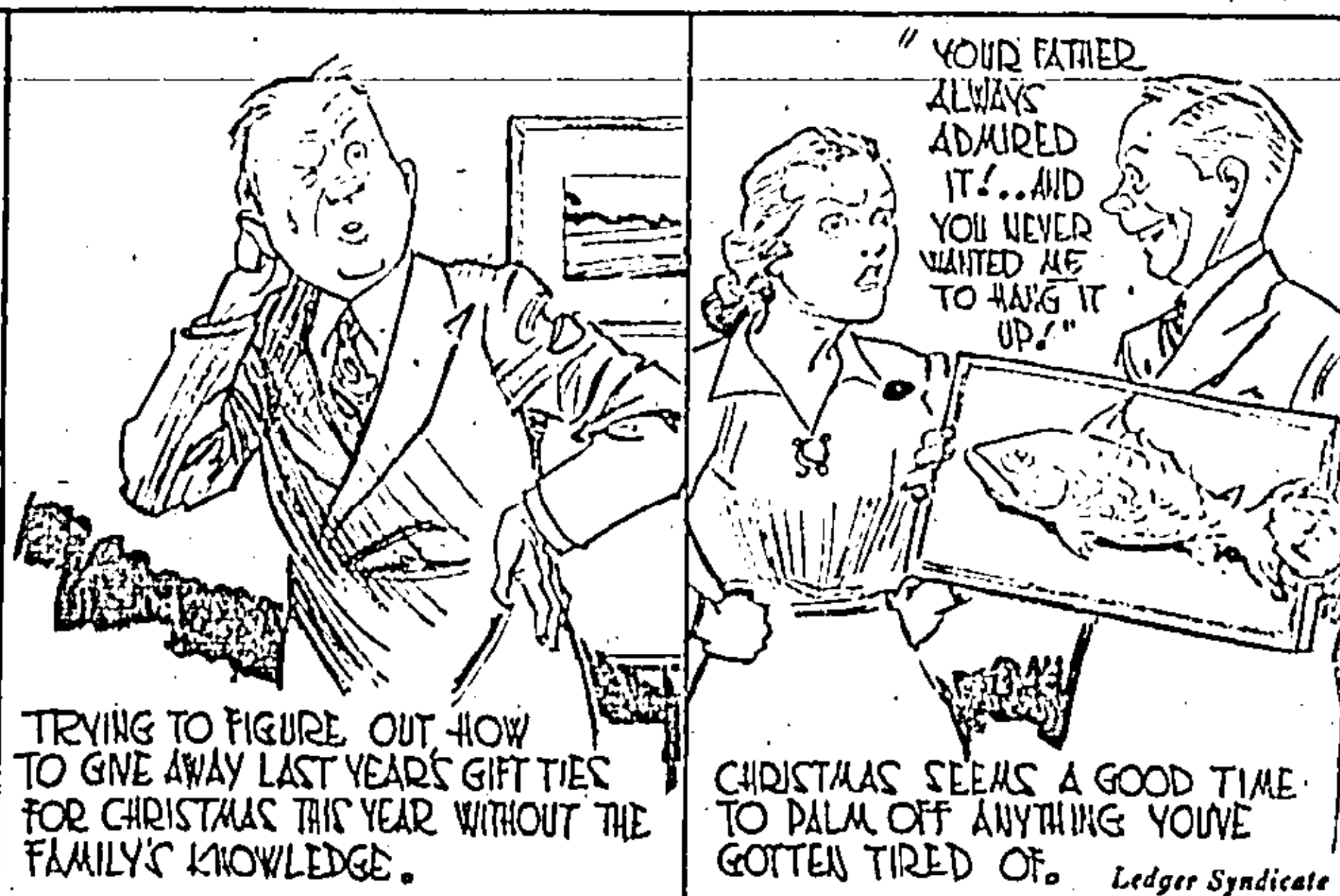
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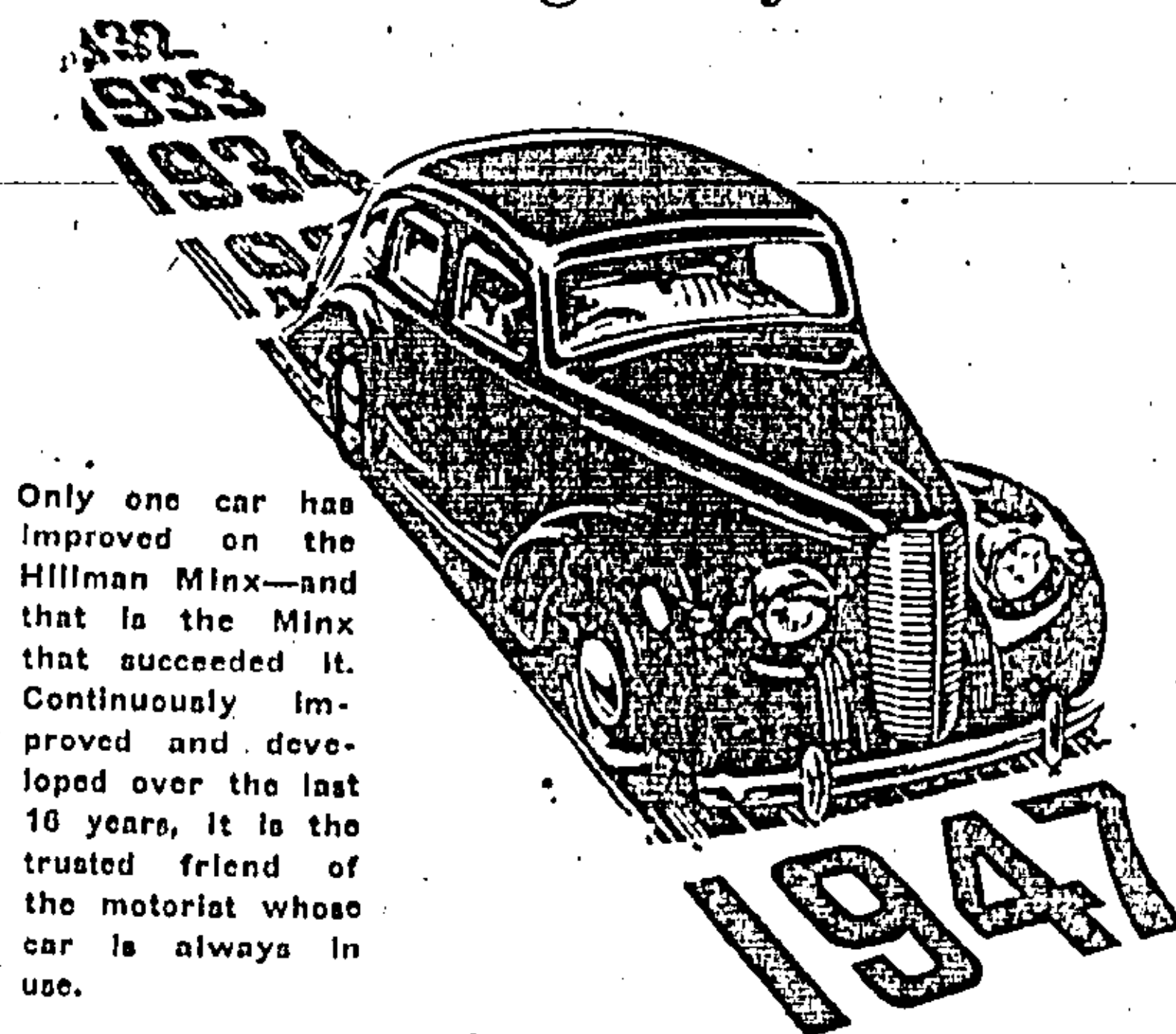
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Mr. Yeh astonishes me

MARGARET LANE

on the
new books

ONLY the other day there were in China, it seems, villages so remote, so self-contained, so calmly continuing the pattern of the past that they had never heard of revolutionary theory or the exploitation of the masses.

Fortunate villages! we exclaim, turning the first calm pages of Mr. Chun-Chan Yeh's novel, *The Mountain Village* (Sylvan Press, 9s. 6d.). Or, perhaps, What medieval darkness! according to our ideas.

Yet both nostalgia and indignation turn out to be mistaken, for soon, across the placid rice-paper landscape, dotted with peasants at once civilised and primitive, two unexplained opposing tides begin to flow, first this way, then that, swaying the bewildered people like so much seaweed, breaking up their pattern, finally sweeping many of them away from the homes of their ancestors and leaving others dead or derelict in their wake.

It is the beginning of political consciousness and civil war in China—a sombre and tremendous theme: but to say that is perhaps to give a misleading impression of this endearing book.

It is not a bit like a foreign correspondent's best-seller, nor yet in the least like the sort of novel about China which gets made into a film for Katharine Hepburn. It is a quiet story by a young Chinese about violent events in a quiet part of China, and the picture it composes, most gently and affectionately, is of a people hard-working, poor and hungry, scarcely

aware of their condition, and frightened and confused by the revolution which they are told is for their sake.

The author, Chun-Chan Yeh, was himself born in such a village as he describes, and he is not yet 30. With the revolution of 1928 his village became a Soviet Commune and a field of civil war, so he knows what he is writing about. He fought in the Chinese army during the war, and four years ago became an assistant professor in one of China's principal universities. He was invited to Britain three years ago to lecture, and is now at Cambridge, pursuing his study of English.

I AM always fascinated and astonished by anyone capable of writing a good book in a tongue other than his own; and *The Mountain Village* is a good book, without any qualification. It is written

with a sort of smiling simplicity which is as persuasive as the quiet voice of a practised story-teller, and the voice is unmistakably Chinese, for though the English is written without fault, the images are as Chinese as a paper kite. "You know what Wang the Lion looks like when he is killing a man. His eyes bulged out, his teeth clenched, his face turned blood-red, and his sword sailed across; the neck like a razor across a piece of paper. It was as easy for him as to cut a melon..."

I grieve only that Mr. Yeh, in spite of his simple Chinese dignity, has allowed himself to use the delectable word "alump" as a verb. It strikes a repeated jarring note in this writer's fragile prose, so I hope that by the time he leaves Cambridge he will have got over it.

FRUGALITY of expression, as one would expect, is not a characteristic of Salvador. Dai's first novel, *Hidden Faces* (Nicholson and Watson, 10s. 6d.).

The surrealist painter, who certainly draws like a genius, and whose work has an unrivalled power of arresting the eye and transmuting it with violent emotions, generally of horror, is—whether we like his work or not—one of the most baffling artists of our time. He cannot be dismissed as a vulgar

sensationalist when we consider the technical marvel of his performance and the emotional shocks of his dreamlike and sterile landscapes. On the other hand, there is so much that is meretricious about his work that one cannot take him quite seriously either.

Dall, however, takes himself with the utmost seriousness and in an author's preface explains that one of his reasons for turning novelist is "because the story of the war, and more particularly of the poignant post-war period, had inevitably to be written." So here it is, written by a Spanish painter in French, and now done into English.

Well... I couldn't think, for a long time, who the style reminded me of. Nearly every paragraph awoke an echo. The names of the characters, the descriptions of their clothes, their luxuries, their terrors, their exquisite tremors that run through their viscera when they so much as exchange glances... Oh, who was it?

"You are ravishing," said the Count to her, passing his hand lightly over her furs.

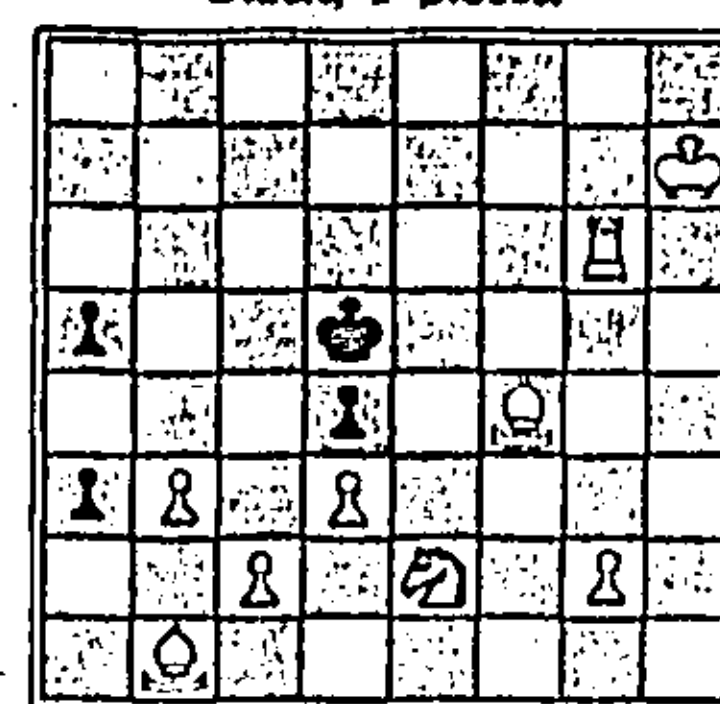
"Solange was dressed from head to foot in blue fox, that is to say, not only her coat but her turban was of fox and her shoes were covered by tiny gaiters of the same fur..."

At that, of course, I knew. Elton Glyn! How could it have eluded me so long? Dall's great novel of the war, in fact, is exactly what Mrs. Glyn might have produced after a week-end spent at the Ritz in Paris during the occupation, eating chocolate, truffles and glancing through the works of Havelock Ellis and Proust.

If she were alive today it would be the duty of them both, as artists, to talk over the future of Europe on the same tiger-skin.

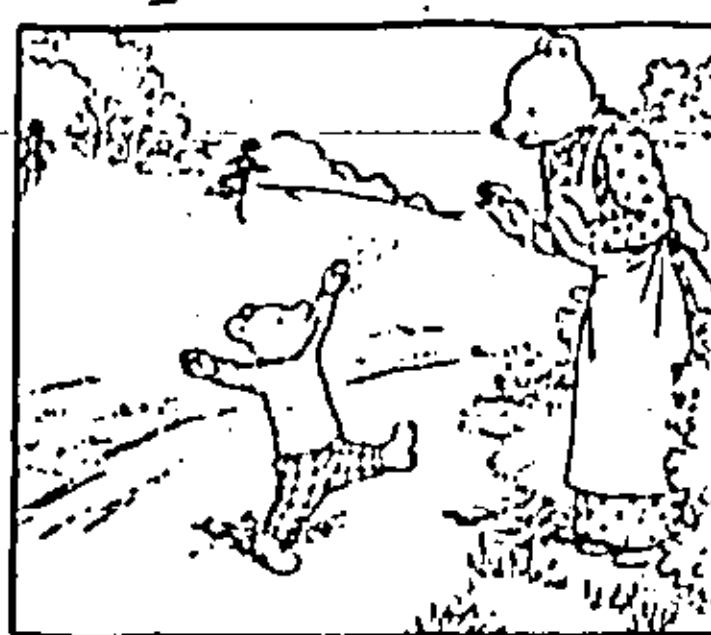
CHESS PROBLEM

By O. FUSS.
Black, 4 pieces.



White, 9 pieces
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kx1 Kf7, any; 2. Q, or Kx7 (dis ch. or dbl ch) mates.

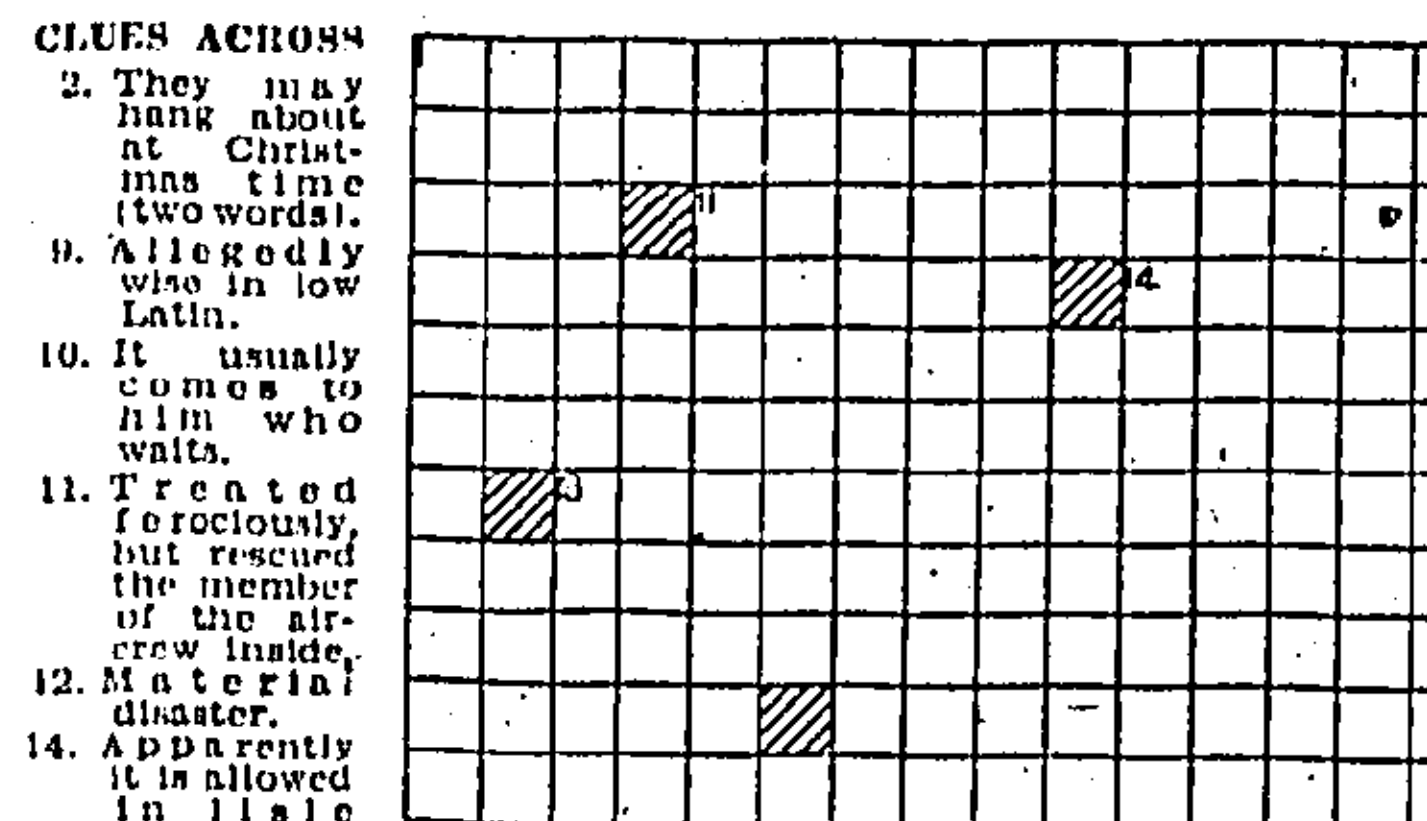
Rupert and the Three Guides—47



The three Guides divide up the work they are to do and run off to visit the cottages in all parts of the village, while Rupert takes the pearls and scampers homewards to where his mother is standing at the garden gate. She smiles broadly when she sees what is in his hand. "How on earth did you get them back so quickly?" she asks. "Did you find the thief?" "Yes," says Rupert. "Not very bad ones. They have brought these back tonight anyway."

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Skeleton Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
2. They may hang about at Christmas time (two words).
9. Allegedly who in low Latin.
10. It usually comes to the end of the world.
11. Treated for a long time but rescued the member of the crew inside.
12. Material disaster.
14. Apparently it is allowed in 1410 thread.
18. Bird and bird.
19. Even if she gets equal pay, you won't and her down in the pit (two words).
23. Prize kick to start with.
24. Bohemian like a modern Paul Pry.
25. Our hero becomes oppressive.
26. Haggard female.
27. Australia could find a use for one this year.
28. 2nd XI. (two words).
CLUES DOWN
1. In the little church beneath the hill we see the light.
3. An apologist boy should actually, one hears.
4. Turkish governor who might be a Welsh saint.
5. Engaged by a motorist whose wife wants to go back (two words).
6. But it's improbable that Turpin would have observed it (two words).
7. This man is a ship.
8. Bacon, bacon or stir-fry.
9. Thwart, perhaps, not necessarily in a boat.
10. Mackerel bait.
11. Such testimony gives one a choice of directions.
12. It takes a heavy blow to put one to confusion.
13. When the black fellow is confused he's beyond recovery.
14. Not quite the place from which to get into France.
15. To the troops it might be run.
16. "Deputy sawbones," maybe, to use a Westernism.
17. Exhausted, both physically and financially.

SOLVERS of the Skeleton Crossword are required to fill in the black squares and clue numbers as well as the words. To give you a start, four numbers and four black squares have been filled in.
The pattern is symmetrical. The two sides balance each other and the top and bottom halves correspond. You can therefore fill in 12 more black squares at once to correspond with those given.
Note that there is no 1 Across, so that the second square from the left in the top line and the other three corresponding squares can be blacked in. There is an 18 Down as well as an 18 Across, therefore the square immediately above that containing the letter 18, and its corresponding one can also be filled in.
Working on these lines you can build up the puzzle. No words of less than three letters are used.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION
DITCETU, AATUOPTIA
OZT, SARDINE, RIN
WEASEL, A, MAROON
ZING, G, A, CAT
REDW, H, I, E, A, BLUE
ZIT, L, G, H, E, L, L, E
USE, A, A, R, A, A, X
TRACAS, I, I, R, I, G, I, N, A
PIS, STIPPLE, N, Z, C
SLEEPY, E, E, S, L, I, G, H, T

Communications Problem During Olympic Games

The British Post Office is making a very special effort to provide all the extensive telecommunications facilities required to meet worldwide demands when the Olympic Games are in progress in 1948.

The new Wembley automatic telephone exchange will not be ready until 1949, and in order to bridge the gap a temporary manual exchange is being installed in the new Wembley automatic exchange building. Rather appropriately, this exchange will be named "Corinthian".

At the outset, this relief exchange will be required to deal mainly with the traffic from the Games, but it will also be used for subscribers for whom there is not room at the Wembley exchange.

A large number of lines will be required to ensure instant communication between the various points from which the Games will be controlled. Arrangements are being made to link the 800 pressmen, who are expected to be present, with their offices in London and most of the world's capitals.

The internal lines required by the British Broadcasting Corporation and other broadcasting organisations throughout the world also present a major problem, which is being tackled energetically.

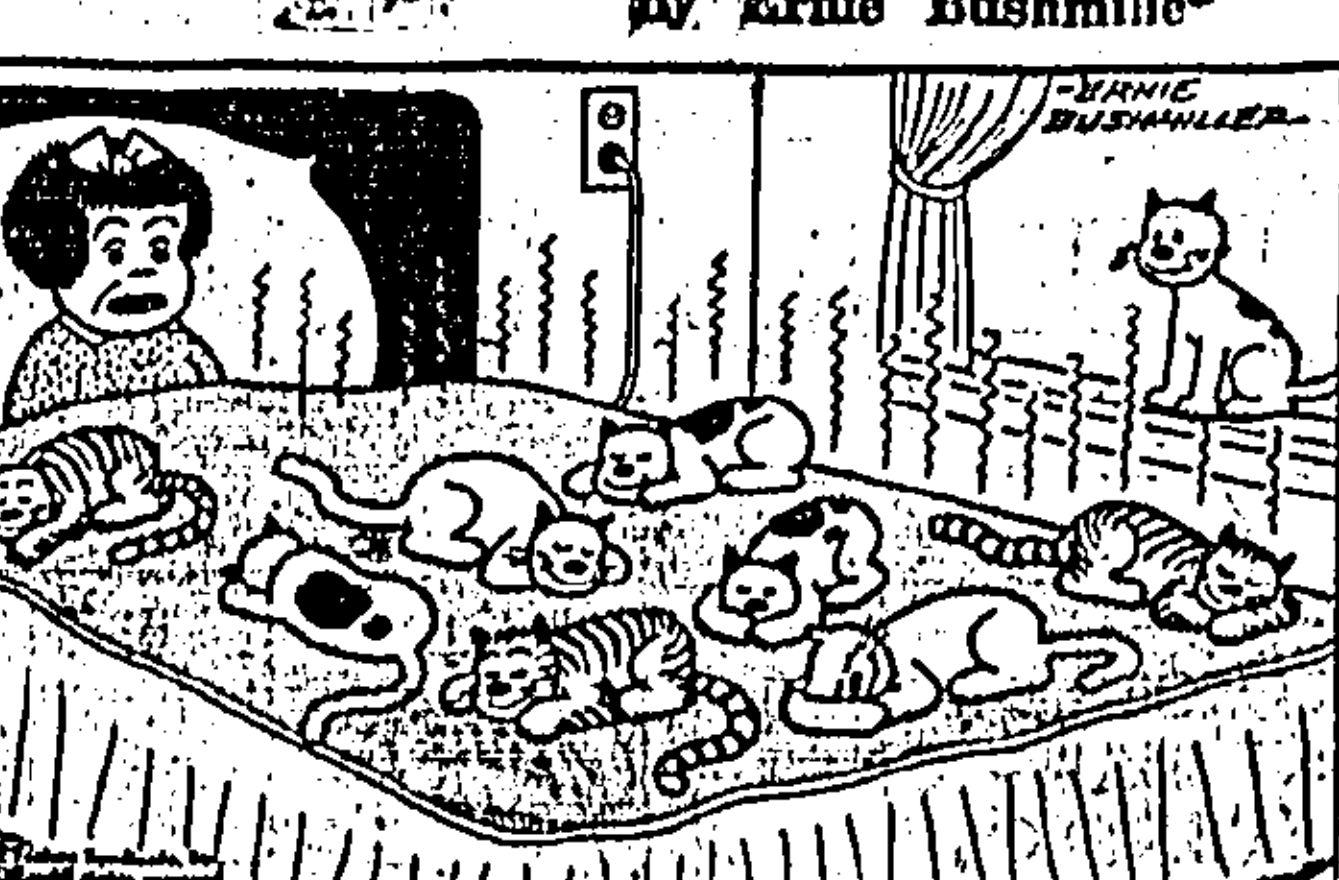
ARE YOU SURE? ANSWERS

Questions on Page 9
1. Drury Lane, where 2. George III, boxed his son's ears. 3. Three—Essex, Middlesex, Sussex. 4. Daniel Lambert, who weighed over 52 stone. He was a joller. 5. New York, Alabama, West Virginia, Arkansas. 6. William Steel, £15,500, Derby County. 7. Emily Brontë, Thomas Hardy, Sir Walter Scott, Sir James Barrie. 8. Cocoon. 9. The sixpences—£21 12, half-crowns. 10. He lives for pleasure.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—
Across: 1, Cheerless; 8, Hem; 9, Deepen; 11, Arm; 13, Alp; 14, Sabre; 15, Nationals; 16, Fatness; 17, Attended; 20, Neufve; 21, Due; 22, Greetings.
Down: 1, Chain gang; 2, Hereafter; 3, Em; 4, Red bannel; 5, Learned; 6, Sopals; 7, Sneeshoes; 10, Pleased; 12, Bait; 14, Statue; 18, Eve; 19, Dug.

NANCY Current Attraction.



WEEK-END PICTORIAL



HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by Mr A. el Arculli, Acting Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Brigade, and Mr R. A. Edwards, Corps Officer, chatting with members of the Brigade at the reception given at the Brigade's headquarters last week. (Photo: Mee Choung)



TWO distinguished visitors to Hongkong this week are His Excellency the Governor-General of Malaya and British North Borneo, Mr Malcolm MacDonald, and the Far East Air Commander-in-Chief, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, KBE, CB, DFC. Both arrived by air on Wednesday. Above: Mr MacDonald with Vice-Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet. Right: Air Marshal Lloyd at Queen's Pier. (Photos: Golden Studio and Ming Yuen)



A SCENE from the Hongkong Stage Club's production of the morality play, "Everyman." The play was staged in St John's Cathedral during the past three evenings. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



PHOTO taken after the wedding at St John's Cathedral last Saturday of Captain Frederick Squires, R.A., and Miss Phillis Mary Triggs. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



MR AND MRS Philip George Farrant, who were married at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. The bride was formerly Miss Joanne Isobel Galer. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



MR Norman Broadbridge and his bride, Miss Ethel Margaret Hicks, after their wedding last Saturday at St Andrew's Church, Kowloon. (Photo: Mainland Studio)



AT the Second Hongkong International Salon of Pictorial Photography, which opened on Monday. Right to left: Mr K. A. Watson, president of the Photographic Society of Hongkong, His Excellency the Governor, who opened the show, and Messrs J. C. M. Granham and Francis Wu, vice-presidents of the Society. (Photo: Francis Wu)



"UN CAPRICE," by Musset, was one of the bright pieces in the successful literary and musical programme given last week at the French Convent School by the Societe de Litterature et d'Art Francais. Above: the principals in the play—Mme R. Segalon, M. Jacques Bruyere and Mme R. Jobez. (Photo: A's Studio)



GROUP taken after the christening at St John's Cathedral on Saturday last of Rosemary Margaret Ann, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Woodward. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

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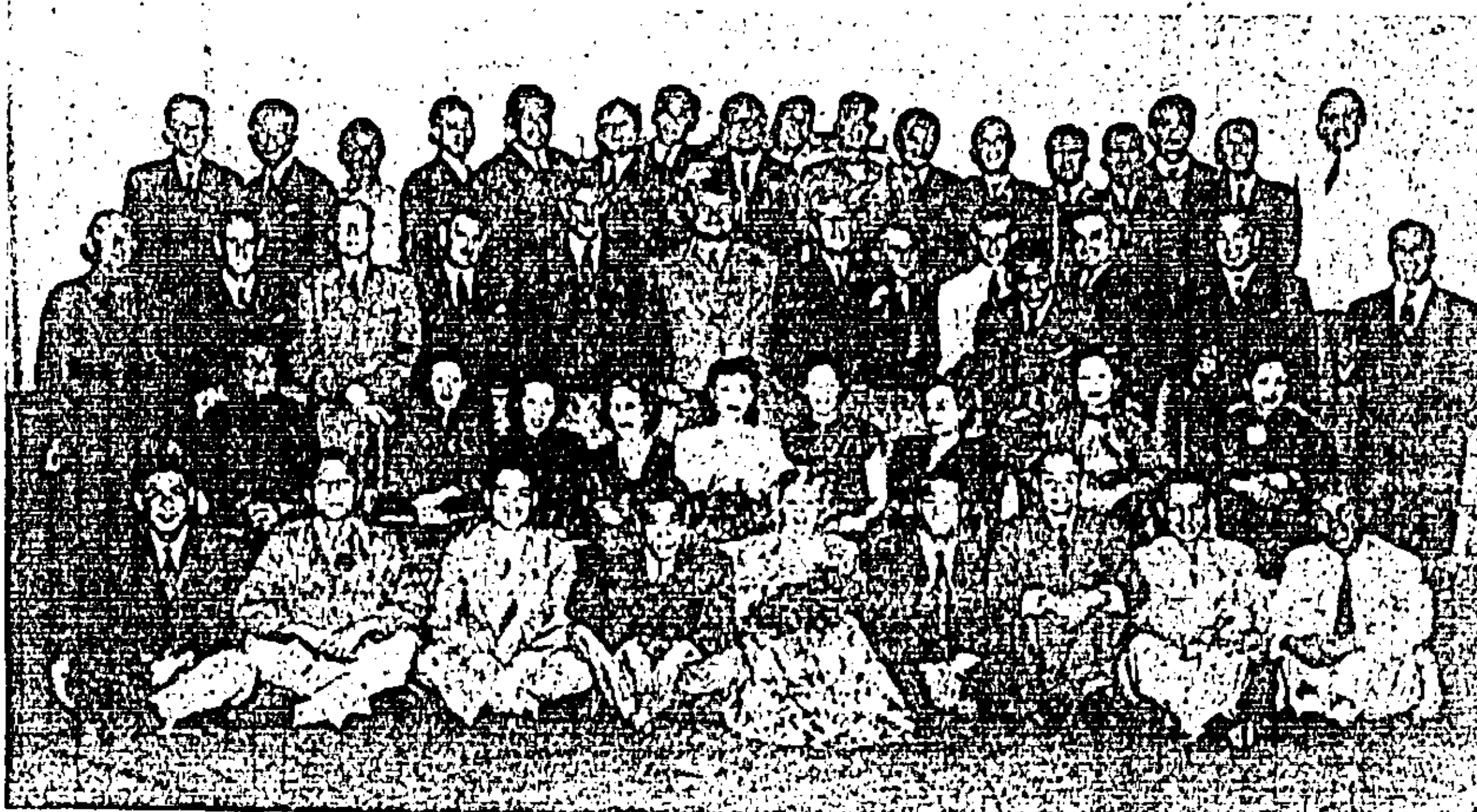
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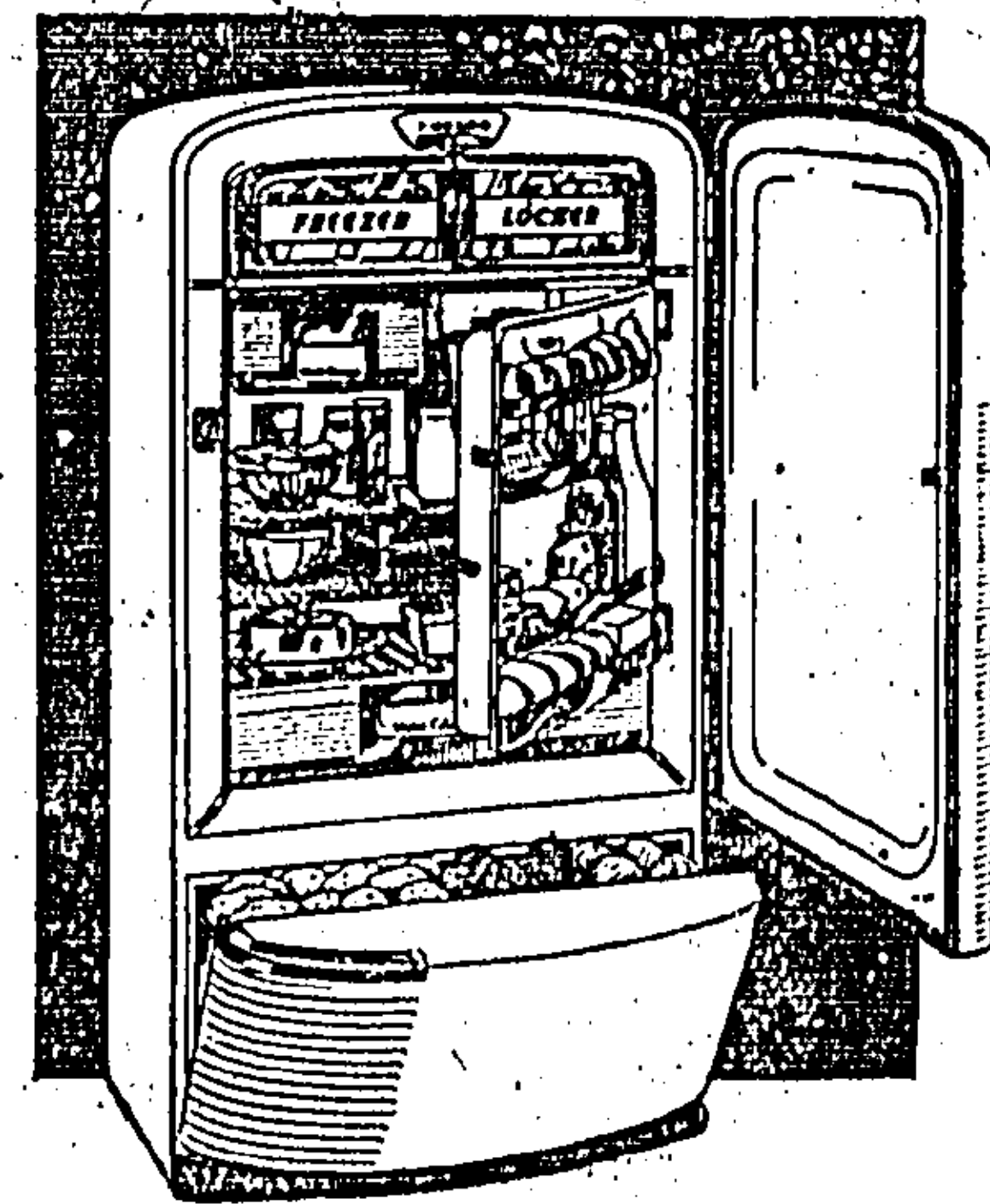


MEMBERS of the 4th Battery, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, who played a noble part in the defence of Hongkong in December 1941, held a reunion dinner at the Peninsula Hotel on Sunday evening. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



A HAPPY GROUP snapped at the enjoyable social evening held last Saturday at the Dockyard Recreation Club. (Photo: Golden Studio)

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New Deadlock Over Japanese Reparations Believed Likely

Washington, Dec. 12.—Russia is threatening to cause a deadlock regarding reparations from Japan while demanding US\$10,000,000,000 from Germany. Diplomatic sources say the Soviet delegate has served notice on the 11 nation Far Eastern Commission that a United States proposal, which would trim down Russia's share of any war indemnity from Japan, is unacceptable to Moscow.

A majority of the other nations represented on the Commission have accepted the proposal. It was submitted last month in an effort to break a 10-month stalemate on the method of distributing industrial plants and other reparations items to be exacted from Japan as compensation for her wartime aggression.

The reparations question is under consideration by the Commission, apart from the Japanese peace treaty.

Russia likewise has brought to a standstill an American-sponsored move by the Allies to call a peace conference, contending that the Pacific Big Four powers should take the initiative.

The Russian rejection, announced by Semen K. Tsempkin, was described by other F.E.C. delegates as short of a final veto. They said there was still hope of breaking the impasse.

Britain also has raised objections to the American proposal but has given no final decision.—Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 12.—It was learned today that the Far Eastern Commission has approved a policy statement on food for Japan which will be released in about one week. Although details of the ruling have not been disclosed, pending General MacArthur's acknowledgment of the notification, it is expected that the F.E.C. will declare that, in view of the world food shortage, food shipments to Japan should be limited strictly to those necessary to prevent disease and unrest and prevent jeopardising the success of the occupation.

The policy probably will be restricted to the crop year ending next October 31. The F.E.C. ruling, if it takes this form, will consist of an endorsement of United States policy as already laid down by Gen. MacArthur and the State and War Departments.—United Press.

Stock Exchange Reopening

Tokyo, Dec. 12.—The reopening of the Japanese Stock Exchange in the early part of next year is regarded as almost certain by Allied and Japanese observers here.

Re-establishment of an organized exchange, which has been closed since surrender day, August 15, 1945, is felt to be an absolute necessity in view of the impending reorganization of major Japanese companies under the deconcentration law passed this week by the Diet.

The affected Japanese concerns have approximately 500,000,000 shares which must go on the open market to conform with law.

Another factor in the disposition of Japanese company shares is the anticipated arrival next month of at least 150 representatives of Allied pre-war investors, who will submit reorganization plans for Japanese firms in which they held large interests.

Reparations Uncertainty

One reason put forward for the non-reopening of the stock market has been the uncertainty of reparations decisions.

The reparations issue as a whole is, no more certain now than six months ago except in a small percentage definitely allocated from munitions plants and in arsenals, and rumours as to which plants might be chosen would still cause wild fluctuations on any exchange. However, observers feel the time is now reached where the disposal of 500,000,000 shares weighs out in point of necessity the dangers of a "wild market."

Although the actual plans, if any, for the exchange reopening are not known, it is generally assumed it would be strongly controlled.—United Press.

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BOLLAERT SEES SOLUTION FOR INDO-CHINA

Paris, Dec. 12.—M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, who arrived yesterday from Saigon for consultations with the Government after his talks on the future of Indo-China with former Emperor Bao Dai of Annam, had a 90-minute talk with the Premier, M. Robert Schuman, this morning.

He said afterwards: "I can only confirm what I said yesterday. We are moving at great strides towards a solution which will not only rejoice France but will honour her."

"Now I must see the President of the Republic for further consultations."

He added that he would return to Indo-China in a few days.
—Reuter.

RANK'S FILM LOSSES

STOCK EXCHANGE TUMBLE

London, Dec. 12.—Shares in one of the most important branches of the £50,000,000 British "film empire" of Mr. J. Arthur Rank fell soon after the Stock Exchange opened today, following the disclosure that Mr Rank had dropped over £2,000,000 on film-making in the six years from 1940.

Ordinary shares of Odeon Theatres, of which Mr Rank is Chairman, opened at 40 shillings and quickly fell to 38 because the magnate plans to sell his film-producing General Cinema Finance Corporation to Odeon Theatres.

If the sale goes through, Odeon Theatres, which operate a network of cinemas throughout Britain and overseas, will be responsible for raising the £2,000,000 which the Corporation needs to complete its programme of 36 first feature films next year.

Mr Rank's explanation of the Corporation's loss is that films such as "Caesar and Cleopatra" greatly enhanced the prestige of British films but resulted in substantial losses.—Reuter.

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Swatow, Tainan and Amoy, 3.30 p.m.
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Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 2 p.m.
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Closing Times By Air
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 10 a.m.
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Kunming, Calcutta and Kowloon, 10 a.m.
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Macao, Tainan & Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.
Macao, Tainan & Shekki (Sea) 10 a.m.
Canton (Train) 10 a.m.
Kongmoon (Sea) 10 a.m.
Manila and Aden (Sea) 10 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15
Closing Times By Air
Manila, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping, 3.30 p.m.
Canton, Luchow and Kunming, 3.30 p.m.

Holhow, Swatow & Foochow, 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.
Macao, Tainan & Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.
Sandakan (Sea) 10 a.m.
Macao, Tainan & Shekki (Sea) 1 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m.
Straits, Egypt & Marseilles (Sea) 3 p.m.
Formosa and Canada via Vancouver, B.C. (Sea) 3 p.m.
Sandakan (Sea) 3 p.m.
Manila (Sea) 3 p.m.
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Feng Opposes American Aid For Nanking

Washington, Dec. 12.—American opponents of further United States aid to China today received support from General Feng Yu-hsiang, who termed such proposed assistance as "useless and dangerous."

The one-time "Christian General" arrived here for his second visit during a lengthy tour of the United States studying water projects.

Sent abroad by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who was reported to be anxious to keep him outside the Chinese political picture, Feng unhesitatingly criticised the Nanking administration and urged further American efforts to mediate in the Chinese civil war.

He said no Chinese would act as mediator "because Chiang Kai-shek would immediately brand him a Communist and an enemy. Mediation must come from outside."

Warning against further American aid to Chiang's regime, Feng declared: "Relief supplies are sure to fall into the hands of Chiang Kai-shek and his lieutenants, and some would find their way into Shanghai black markets. As for military supplies, they would fall into the hands of the Communists and prolong the civil war."—Associated Press.

WITHDRAWAL DATE DEFINITE

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He said that May 15 as the date of the surrender of the mandate had been fixed after careful consideration.

Mr Bevin added: "We felt that if we fixed the date earlier matters would not be completed. An earlier date might cause heavy loss and, after what we have put into Palestine in the last 30 years, I do not see why we should have such loss."

The Foreign Secretary added that if a speedup was possible, it would be done.

Saying that there was no obligation on Britain to change the immigration quota, Mr Bevin warned Jews that if they encouraged illegal immigration it would be regarded as a provocative act. "I say to Jews adversely that they should leave it alone until the new state is set up."—Reuter.

NOTICE

**THE UNITED SERVICES
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